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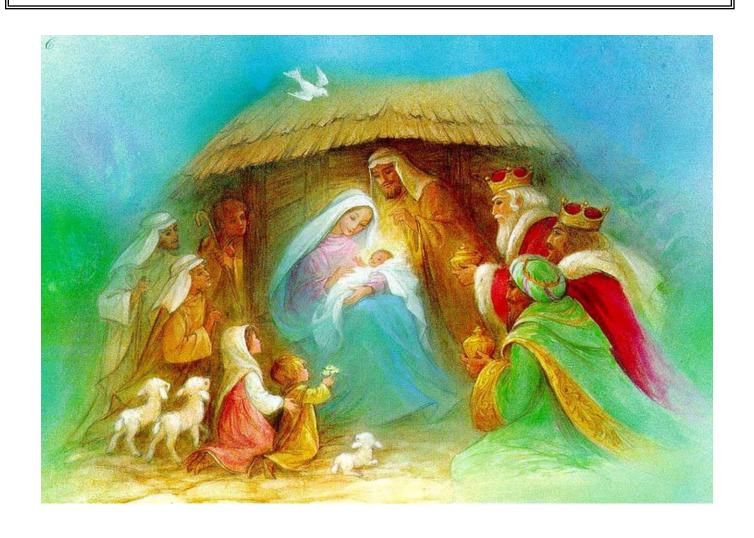
🕆 Hyesung Lee, Pastor 🕆

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December 2024





2024 **DECEMBER** 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						
1st Sunday of Advent Dec 1, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Theyefore. Theyefore. Will be book. Will be book. Hories, Sinn.; Linker, 1806	 Holy Communion and Lighting Advent Wreath Candles by New Member Families Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am; Youth Room Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) Advent Small Group ① "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes" 12:00 pm (Youth Room) 					
2nd Sunday of Advent Dec 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT: PEACE	 Lighting Advent Wreath Candles by New Member Families Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am; Youth Room Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) Advent Small Group ② "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes" 12:00 pm (Youth Room) 					
3rd Sunday of Advent Dec 15, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Joy	 Lighting Advent Wreath Candles by New Member Families Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) Advent Small Group ③ "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes" 12:00 pm (Youth Room) 					
Blue Christmas Worship Service Dec 18, 2024 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS A service of remembrance, reflection, and hope for hurting hearts.	If this Christmas season brings sadness or grief, you're not alone. Join us for a Blue Christmas service. We'll come together to share our feelings, find support, and experience the love and hope of Christ. (Contact: Melissa van Ruiten or Pastor Lee)					
4th Sunday of Advent Dec 22, 2024 10:30 a.m.	LOVE	 Lighting Advent Wreath Candles by Laura Webb and Emma Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm Sunday School for Kids (after Time for Young Disciples) Advent Small Group 4 "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes" 12:00 pm (Youth Room) 					
December 24 TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00pm	Christmas Eve Services	 Candlelight Service Lighting Advent Wreath Candles Singing Carols; Children Singing Message: "Christmas Gift" 					
First Sunday after Christmas Dec 29, 2023	Guest Preacher: Rev. Hugh Stevenson Isaiah 9:2-7 John 1:1-14	 Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) 					

"Naughty or Nice"

10:30 a.m.

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Ones in the Family of God

For centuries, Jewish people believed that their identity and salvation were tied to their bloodline. This belief often led to extreme measures, especially for women, who were expected to bear sons to perpetuate the lineage. They were obsessed with pregnancy through any Jewish male.

Sarah gave birth to a child even in her old age, **Lot's two daughters** made their father drink alcohol, fell asleep and had sex with him, **Leah and Rachel** competed to have children, **Tamar** seduced her father-in-law and gave birth to a child. If an older brother died without a son, his younger brother got his sister-in-law pregnant and had a child. When Ruth, a Moabite woman, had a child and continued the family line, her name was recorded in the genealogy and was remembered for a long time in history.

These stories, while part of the biblical narrative, highlight the limitations of a bloodline-based understanding of salvation. They reveal the desperation and lengths to which people would go to fulfill societal expectations and religious obligations. It is a painful history that had oppressed so many lives for so long.

When Jesus came to this world, he came neither through Jewish-bloodline nor through any human-line but through the Holy Spirit.

"Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a <u>virgin</u>?' The angel said to her, '<u>The Holy Spirit</u> will come upon you, and <u>the power of the Most High</u> will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God'" (Luke 1:34-35)

Jesus came in a completely different way because he didn't belong to any human bloodline. He wanted to free humankind from such oppressive frame of salvation. He wanted all to belong to God's family, no matter what bloodlines they belong to. John described it in his Gospel:

"Jesus came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were *born*, <u>not</u> of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:11-13)

Therefore, we all belong to God's family through our faith. We children of God are all God's beloved only through faith, whether we are Jews or Gentiles, women or men, rich or poor, White or Black or Brown or what other beautiful colors, hetero or homo sexual orientation, trans-gender or cis-gender, non-binary or not, etc. The grand vision of Jesus' coming is bigger than individual salvation. It is to welcome all humankind into God's family. For this, Jesus came, lived, died and resurrected.

So, let's celebrate Christmas with our love for God and love for our neighbors!

Merry Christmas

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"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



On November 17th, United Women in Faith hosted our World Thank Offering luncheon and program. 16 women gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a lunch provide by United Women in Faith and Daisy Kennedy led our program. Daisy asked us to share the ways we personally give back, especially during the holidays. Many ways to give and serve were shared, such as, Adopt-A-Family, Toys for Tots, monetary gifts to charities/organizations, and

donations made in honor of someone rather than giving a physical gift. There are so many ways we can share our abundance with others. Daisy concluded the program by passing out blank Thank You Notes to each woman and encouraging her to write a note of thanks to someone and share how that person has been a blessing in her life. Since 1881 the annual World Thank Offering has been the way of life for United Women in Faith Members. We collected \$530, and your generous donations support UWF mission programs worldwide. Our World Thank Offering gifts allow all

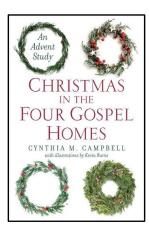
people to have a place at the table and join in the feast.



Also, UWF wishes to thank our amazingly generous congregation for stepping up on short notice to fund Thanksgiving groceries for the Winter Nights Continued Success outreach program. We committed to supply two bags of groceries and gift certificates, but we delivered four bags on November 22nd. We also provided a healthy monetary donation with "leftover" funds. We are so thankful for the truly giving nature of our BCUMC community.

UWF will not meet in December, but we will be supporting the fellowship time following the Christmas Concert on December 21. UWF will also host coffee fellowship on December 29. Save the date for our Trivia Treats and Treasures fundraiser to be held on Saturday, February 22.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, January 20th 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.



Author Cynthia M. Campbell, in collaboration with illustrator Kevin Burns, reimagines each of the four Gospels as a distinct "house." This creative approach invites readers to delve deeper into the unique perspectives offered by each Gospel writer. By visualizing each Gospel as a home, Campbell highlights the distinctive narrative and theological emphasis of each account. The book offers a fresh perspective on the Christmas story, making it accessible and engaging for both individual and group study. Whether you're a seasoned Bible reader or a newcomer to the faith, "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes" provides a thought-provoking and inspiring journey through the heart of the Christmas season.

Small Group Gatherings: 12 pm to 1 pm at Youth Room; Sundays Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22

Facilitator: Pastor Hyesung Lee (register by Nov 30th)

Book: available on Amazon, Cokesbury (3 copies will be available for \$5 after Nov 16 in the office)



The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on December 7th at 8:00 a.m., and this time we will have a special menu in recognition of the holidays and the closing of the year!

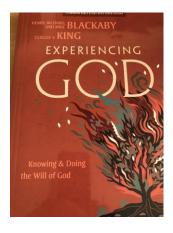
Discussion topics will include celebration of events and activities from this year, possible events and activities for 2025, determining dates and details for the Bean Feed, and election of officers for 2025. Also, Chaplain Dave will give us some spiritual thoughts to ponder as we enter the Christmas season.

Come spend a wintry morning with your fellow Methodist men, have a good breakfast, and enjoy some time in fellowship. Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30. The cost for breakfast, as always, is \$5.00. Bring a friend, and his breakfast is free!

Hope to see you there!

-Joe, Diego, Larry, Dave, and Scott





BCUMC ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Experiencing God

For the rest of the year, at 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.

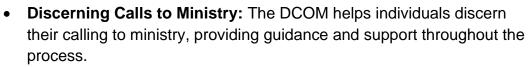


Prayer Chain:

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 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, 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), Hisako Suzuki, and Alex Reece (granddaughter of Kathie Gulizia).

<u>DAVID FUNK</u> HAS JOINED THE LOS RIOS DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

The District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM) within the United Methodist Church serves as a crucial body responsible for discerning, equipping, and supporting those called to ordained ministry. Its primary functions include:



- **Recommending Candidates:** They evaluate candidates for certification, licensure, and ordination, ensuring they meet the necessary qualifications and standards.
- Providing Support and Mentorship: The DCOM offers support and mentorship to candidates and ordained clergy, fostering their spiritual growth and professional development.
- **Ensuring Ethical Standards:** The DCOM upholds ethical standards within the clergy, addressing any concerns or misconduct.
- **Promoting Diversity and Inclusion:** The DCOM works to promote diversity and inclusion in ordained ministry, ensuring that all qualified individuals have the opportunity to serve.

By fulfilling these responsibilities, the DCOM plays a vital role in the health and vitality of the United Methodist Church, ensuring that those called to ministry are well-prepared and equipped to serve the needs of the people of God.

2024 Church Conference Minutes

November 13, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Presiding Elder: District Superintendent Rev. David Niu

Present: District Superintendent Rev. David Niu, Pastor Hyesung Lee, and 17 members of the congregation.

Welcome and Introduction: Pastor Hyesung offered a welcome and introduced the new District Superintendent of the Los Rios District, Rev. David Niu, to the congregation.

Rev. Niu spoke, briefly, about his background including that he had been the DS for the Central Valley district the last three years. He says he is enjoying the short distances between churches in the Los Rios district, and getting to know a new region of the state.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Rev. Niu offered an opening prayer and opened the meeting.

Election of the Recording Secretary: Pastor Hyesung made a motion that Jenny Davis be the recording secretary for this conference. Larry Schaffer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Membership Report: Larry Schaffer presented the membership report for 2024. The report showed the current membership at 162 (a 2% gain). We received 7 new members and lost 4.

Rev. Niu requested a moment of silence to remember the 3 who had died. Afterwards he offered a prayer for them.

Polly Gallagher moved that the conference approve the membership report. Fran Bowman seconded. The motion was approved.

Approval of 2025 clergy compensation: Fran Bowman presented the Pastor's compensation package for this year. It included the 2.6% COLA raise, an increase of \$200 for reimbursements, and a small increase in utilities allowance.

Fran moved that the conference approve the Clergy Compensation Package. Heidi Stark seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Election of Church Leaders: Pastor Hyesung, as Chairman of the nominations committee, presented the nominations for the 2025 Ministry Teams. She commented that the position of Youth Director is unfilled and that we need to find someone or rethink how the youth program can be run.

The Trustees must be elected by ballot. Ballots were passed out, collected and tallied. The result was yes-16, no-0, and 1 abstain. Pastor Hyesung, then, offered the following motion:

I move that the Secretary cast a ballot favoring the nominees for the Board of Trustees and the Secretary note in the minutes that the nominees were elected by ballot. Dave Funk seconded the motion. I do note that the trustees were elected by ballot.

Pastor Hyesung made a motion that the conference approve the nominations for the 2025 Ministry Teams. Larry Schaffer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Benediction: Rev. Niu closed the conference with a few comments. He said he was happy to find us happy with our minister and that he could feel good spirit in our church. He mentioned the new vision statement: Following Jesus, Thriving in Community, Healing the World. Last year focused on Following Jesus. The coming year will focus on Thriving in Community. He challenged us to do the same and plan.

Rev. Niu gave the benediction.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jenny Davis, Recording Secretary

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

2025 MINISTRY TEAMS AND STRUCTURE

DISCIPLE MAKING JOURNEY in BCUMC

(A Guided Movement Toward a Deeper Relationship with God) Our Mission Who Are We? CONNECT To Make What Do We Do? Disciples of Where Are You? Worship (W.) Jesus Christ (1) Adult W. (2) Young Adult W. to Transform the World (3) Youth W. (4) Children W. EXPERIENCING n INSPIRING ⇒ CREATING Brentwood GROW Community SERVE UMC Intentional Spiritual Ministries & Missions Formation (I.S.F. Group) (1) Adult I.S.F. Group (1) Local Body Ministry (2) Young Adult I.S.F. Group (2) Local & Global Mission (EXPERIENCING (3) Youth I.S.F. Group INSPIRING (4) Children LS F. Group (EXPERIENCING CREATING INSPIRING CREATING

The Lay Leadership Structure of Brentwood Community UMC is made for Disciple-Making Journey which is based upon Jesus' ministry. His ministry of God's Kingdom includes the Connecting Ministry (Connecting with God through the Word and Worship) the Growing Ministry (through Teaching and Nurturing) and the Serving Ministry (through Healing and Support) as in the diagram on the left.

[Names in box are new people approved for 2025]

CONNECTING MINISTRY: WORSHIP SUPPORT

MUSIC COMMITTEE Chair: Jan Schults

Members: Edie Tidrick, Dave Funk, Michael Ann Honea, Cheryl Breitenbucher

WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader: Jan Schults, Heidi Stark, David Funk, Polly Gallagher, Larry Schaffer, Dari Tran

Ushers: Bob Clarke, Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter, CiCi Kirchner, Joyce Sorenson, Steven Smith

Greeter: Linda Walton, Michael Ann Honea, Dolores Hauan, CiCi Kirchner, Marge Walton

Video/Audio: Dennis Buckley, David Funk, Joe Niec

Altar Guild: Robin Vaughan

Communion Stewards: Linda Barnhill, Robin Vaughan

Communion Server: Scott Baxter, Bob Clarke, Nate Ekpemiro, David Funk, Polly Gallagher, Eileen Newill,

Gbenga Olayomi, Heidi Stark, Dari Tranl, Robin Vaughanl, Linda Walton, Jerry & Marge Walton

<u>CREATIVE WORSHIP TEAM</u> Pastor: Hyesung Lee, Lay Leader: David Funk

Members: Dennis Buckley, Eileen Newill, Linda Barnhill, Larry Schaffer,

Robin Vaughan, Jerry Walton, Cici Kirchner

GROWING MINISTRY: INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION SUPPORT

YOUNG CHRISTIANS MINISTRY COMMITTEE: Chair: Laura Webb Lay Leader: David Funk

Youth Director:

Members: Laura Webb, Jeanette Ruddick, Chris van Ruiten

Sunday School Teachers: Laura Webb, Jeanette Ruddick, Chris van Ruiten, Polly Gallagher

ADULT SMALL GROUP TEAM: Heidi Stark (Lay Leader), Diego Garcia, Gbenga Olayomi, Joe Niec

MIDTOWN FAITH (20-59 yr): Alivia Logan (Leader), Jeanette Ruddick

VOYAGERS (60+): Katie Moore (Leader), Eileen Newill, Robin Vaughan, Joan Goode

GARDEN MINISTRY: CiCi Kirchner

STRING BAND: Joe Kick (Leader)

SERVING MINISTRY: MINISTRY AND MISSION SUPPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL Chair: Heidi Stark Secretary: Jenny Davis Pastor: Hyesung Lee

Lay Leaders: David Funk and Heidi Stark

Lay Members to Annual Conference: Polly Gallagher & Fran Bowman Alternate Members to Annual Conference: Larry Schaffer & Diego Garcia

Finance/Stewardship: Polly Gallagher Treasurer: Diego Garcia

Trustees: Eugene Davis Staff-Parish Relations: Jerry Walton

Congregational Care Network: Linda Walton Membership Secretary: Larry Schaffer

United Women in Faith: Jan Schults

Young Christians Ministry: Laura Webb

Membership Secretary: Larry Schaffer

United Methodist Men: Joe Niec

Music Committee: Jan Schults

Communications: Bob Clarke Endowment & Memorial: Dennis Buckley

Reconciling Ministry: Jeanette Ruddick & Melissa van Ruiten

HOPE HOUSE Committee: David Funk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Chair: Eugene Davis Vice-chair: Dennis Buckley Lay Leader: Heidi Stark

2025 Dennis Buckley Den Bowman Eugene Davis

2026 Joe Niec

2027 Robert Ruddick Linda Culle Kevin Kennedy

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS Chair: Jerry Walton Lay Leader: David Funk

2025 Miranda Smith John Moore Edie Tidrick Jerry Walton

2026 Fran Bowman

2027 Bob Clarke Cheryl Breitenbucher

FINANCE-STEWARDSHIP Chair: Polly Gallagher Treasurer: Diego Garcia

Lay Leader: Heidi Stark Financial Secretary: Michelle Carrillo

2025 Scott Baxter

2026 Polly Gallagher Karen Thomas

2027 Kevin Gray Neda Gray Samuel Ochinang

NOMINATIONS & LAY DEVELOPMENT Chair: Hyesung Lee

Lay Leaders: David Funk & Heidi Stark

2025 Eileen Newill Jerry Walton Bob Clarke Katie Moore

2026

2027 Gbenga Olayomi Michale Ann Honea

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Membership Secretary: Larry Schaffer

Friends in Faith Ministry: Linda Walton (chair), Eileen Newill, Christine Nelson, Laura Webb

CCN (Congregational Care Network)Chair: Linda Walton Prayer Chain: Linda Barnhill

Members: Michael Ann Honea, Joy Kick, Kathie Gulizia, Jenny Davis Hisako Suzuki

HOPE HOUSE COMMITTEE Director: David Funk Co-Directors: Diego Garcia (Mon), Katie Moore (Wed)

Members: Jacki Hughes, Larry Schaffer, Jerry Walton, Miranda Smith, Robin Vaughan

Thank Letter: Michael Ann Honea

UNITED WOMEN in FAITH President: Jan Schults

UNITED METHODIST MEN President: Joe Niec

ENDOWMENT & MEMORIALS Chair: Dennis Buckley

Member: Linda Barnhill, Joyce Sorenson, Eileen Newill

Memorial Card: Eileen Newill

Memorial Dinners: Michael Ann Honea (coordinator), Polly Gallagher, Robin Vaughan, Eileen Newill

Historians: Polly Gallagher, Dennis Buckley

RECONCILING MINISTRY COMMITTEE: Co-Chairs: Jeanette Ruddick & Melissa van Ruiten,

Lay Leader: David Funk

Members: Dennis Buckley

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Chair: Bob Clarke Lay Leader: Heidi Stark

Members: Dennis Buckley, Joe Niec

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 here

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



Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark

Can you believe it? It's December already! As Christians, we are entering the season of Advent. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (this year that's December 1) and ends on Christmas Eve; it is a time of expectant waiting and preparation. During Advent we anticipate the "coming of Christ" from three perspectives - the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, the receiving of Christ in our hearts as believers, and the return of Christ. We plan and prepare and wait. We light candles for **Hope**, **Peace**, **Joy**, and **Love**.

The world feels out of control and there is so much sadness. It's hard not to worry and wonder – what next?! It isn't always easy to see Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in this world. For many this is not the most wonderful time of the year. Some think this time of year is too commercial, too expensive, and just plain difficult and depressing. Some are experiencing loneliness and loss. Personally, I've experienced some of the saddest moments of my life in the month of December. However, I have always held onto my faith and found comfort and joy in this season. I pray that we can all wait for Christ with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in our hearts. During hard times, may we be able to appreciate all that we have and take time to enjoy all the little moments.

In our daily lives this time of the year is often filled with long lists of things to do, gifts to buy, food to prepare, decorating, parties, commitments, etc... Again, it is a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas, but sometimes, we get so busy trying to check all the boxes that we forget to enjoy the moments. I'm certainly guilty of this myself, but I still love this time of year! I love all the decorations and traditions that make Christmas so special in my heart and mind. Luiz and I both really enjoy all things Christmas, and some would say we go a little over the top with our decorating (we might be the brightest house in our neighborhood, and we might have 11 decorated trees). It delights us to make our home a magical and welcoming place for our family and friends. If you find yourself in our neighborhood, stop by and say "Hi!" and enjoy some of our Christmas cheer.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Let us remember the love that came down at Christmas and celebrate the glorious gift of our savior, Jesus Christ. I share with you my favorite Advent Prayer; may we all remember the reason for the season.

Holy God, coming Christ, in the rush and busyness of this season, speak to us. Turn us towards You. Create a longing in our hearts for silence, for wonder, for angel songs. Forgive us for making long lists that do not mention You at all. Holy God, coming Christ, transform our journey to Christmas this year. May all of our preparations and traditions remind us of your amazing, humble birth. Amen





December

- 2. Christian Belino
- 2. Roya Kim
- 3. Janet Kurz
- 4. Lynn Austin
- 13. Heidi Retzer
- 14. Fred Gulizia
- 16. Chinedum Ekpemiro
- 16. Noelle Ochinang
- 17. Griffin Slav
- 17. Aidan Dunn
- 17. Evelyn Gonzalez (Kennedy)
- 18. Colby Wayne (Sorenson)
- 19. Benjamin Lukacs
- 19. Jacob Lukacs
- 20. Marcie Lukacs
- 21. Pastor Hyesung Lee
- 23. Kevin Kennedy
- 25 Andre Smith
- 26 Rachel Green
- 26 Karen Thomas
- 27. Zeke Canonica
- 27. Melissa van Ruiten



December

- 6. Patti Evans and Marty Jewell
- 17 Nimfa and Samuel Ochinang
- 21. Koo and Roya Kim

CHRISTMAS LIGHT

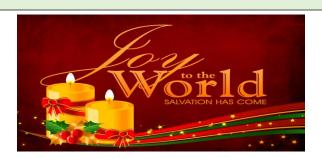
With snow on the hills
And stars in the cold
Crisp black sky
As we seek first to know
God's presence within us

We follow the holy star
And join with shepherds
Wise kings from afar
And Mary and Joseph
To celebrate with wonder
A precious baby's birth

Bringing good news
Of magnificent joy
For all the people!

Have a blessed Christmas!

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December 2024 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Adult Bible Study 9:00am Worship 10:30am Small Group Bible Study 12pm Youth Room	H.O.P.E. House Ministry 9am	Empowerment Program 4pm Young Christian Ministry Committee 7 pm Dig Board Meeting 7pm	H.O.P.E. House Ministry 9am ACA 5:30pm Al-Anon 7pm Trustees 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA Meeting 7pm FH	String Band 10:30am AA Meeting 6:45pm A-Anon 8pm	UMM Breakfast 8am	
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Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am Small Group Bible Study 12pm Youth Room	Hope House Ministry 9am	CCN Luncheon 11:30 Empowerment Program Youth 4pm Produce Truck @ Hope House 4pm Brentwood Community Chorus 7pm	Hope House 9am- 12pm ACA 5:30pm Ad Council 6:00pm Heidis Starks House Al-Anon 7pm	SPRC Meeting 12pm Oakley Taven Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7pm	String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm		
Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am Small Group Bible Study 12pm Youth Room	Hope House 9am-12pm United Woman of Faith 7:00pm	Empowerment Program Youth 4pm Finance Committee 6:30pm	Hope House 9am ACA 5:30pm Special Christmas (Tentative) 7pm Al Anon 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7pm	String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	21 Christmas Music Celebration 6:30pm	
Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am Small Group Bible Study 12pm Youth Room	Hope House 9am	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 7pm	Christmas Worship Services 10:30am	Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7:30pm	String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm AI Anon 8pm	28	
29	30	31				*	
Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am	Hope House 9am DIG 7pm	Empowerment Program Youth 4pm NAMI Meeting 7pm					

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

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. David Niu

Pastor: Hyesung Lee 🕆 Lay Leaders: Heidi Stark and David Funk Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

