

Deeds and Opportunities

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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 style="text-align: center;">Epiphany Sunday Jan 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Hugh Stevenson Isaiah 2:2-4 Matthew 2:1-12 "The Light" *Pastor Lee is on Family Vacation (till Jan 8th)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion officiated by Rev. Hugh Stevenson ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptism of the Lord Sunday Jan 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</p> <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">De-Hanging OF THE GREENS</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● De-Hanging of Greens: right after a brief Fellowship Hour at 11:45 am. Everyone is invited to help!
<p style="text-align: center;">2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Jan 19, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● New Members Orientation (1): 12:00 pm in Quiet Room
<p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday after the Epiphany Jan 26, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after Time for Young Disciples) ● New Members Orientation (2): 12:00 pm in Quiet Room

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/>



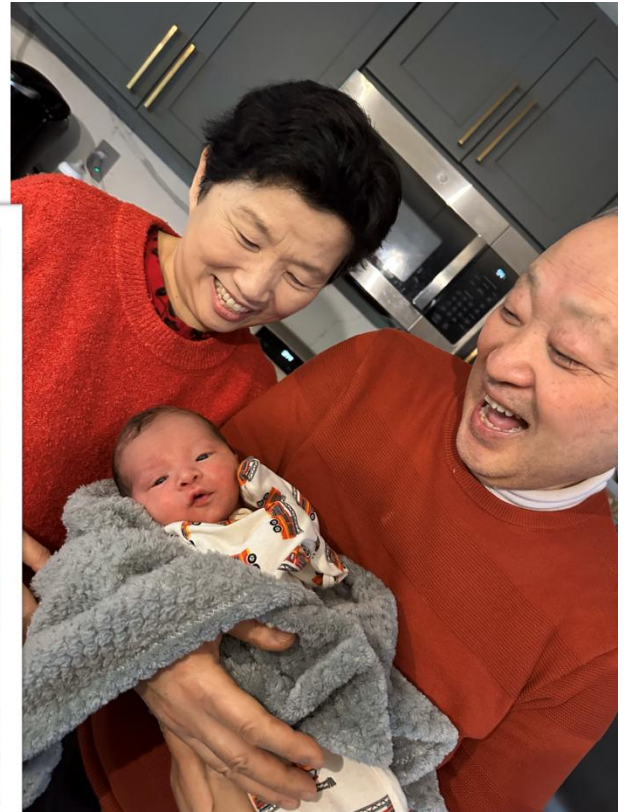
† *Pastor's Letter* †

Dear Ones in the Family of God

Some of you said to me that I would not want to come back to Brentwood once I held my first grandson in my arms. You were right. It would be impossible for me to go back to my life before Lincoln. He is like a little angel, so innocent, so perfect. Even though he is the smallest human being, his presence is big and so confident. My life has now changed. I am now a grandma, "Harmony" in Korean. I am so happily accepting this new privilege and responsibility as an unconditional supporter, an unwavering cheerleader and a fervent forever fan.



With
Lincoln



I hope and pray that all of you may expand your circle of friends and loved ones in the new year. Let's continue to love our God, our neighbors and even our enemies so our circle of love can grow more and more!

Happy New Year from San Diego!

"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)

Hyesung Lee

Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee

Administrative Board By Heidi Stark

January is the start of my third year chairing the Administrative Board. I want to thank all the committee chairs and all committee members for working hard to meet the goals of BCUMC. I'm proud of the work we did in 2024 which only happened because of the commitment and support of our Church members and friends.

The purpose of Ad. Council, according to the Book of Discipline is to envision, plan, implement, and evaluate the mission and ministry of the Church. So, that means that the Ad. Council supports the work of the various ministries and committees at BCUMC, and as chair, I do my best to guide the process. Ad. Council does not make decisions for committees but rather works to support the decisions made by BCUMC committees/ministries. Each committee/ministry is expected to conduct their own regular meetings and manage their tasks. The chairs of the various BCUMC committees and ministries are asked to attend Ad. Council meetings as voting members. Ad. Council is involved in the overall health of BCUMC and decisions that affect the whole body are shared at Ad. Council.

I look forward to what BCUMC will accomplish in 2025. We can and should always strive do more and do everything to the best of our abilities! I'm committed to another year as your Ad. Council chair, and I invite you all to join me and share your time and your talents to make BCUMC a beacon of light in our community. Ad. Council meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to attend; however, only Ad. Council members may cast votes as necessary. The next Ad. Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th at 7pm.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 925-216-4709 or email hstark@cobaltc.com.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. – Colossians 3:17

We believe love in action can change the world



Happy New Year! If you haven't come to a United Women in Faith event before, please consider it for 2025. The theme for the 2025 United Women in Faith program is practicing hope together. We will explore how we carry faith forward from generation to generation. Come hear the messages and share your story.

Many thanks to those who help provide refreshment for the reception after the Annual Christmas Musical Program on December 21st; it was a wonderful event.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, January 20th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action! Questions, please contact Jan Schults, United Women in Faith President at 925-890-6296.



Happy New Year, men of BCUMC! The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on [January 4th](#) at 8:00 a.m.: come ring in the new year with your fellow Methodist men, have a good breakfast, and enjoy some time in fellowship. Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30.

Discussion topics will include Bean Feed logistics and events & activities for 2025. Chaplain Dave, as always, will give us some spiritual thoughts to ponder as we continue through the New Year.

The cost for breakfast is \$5.00. Bring a friend, and his breakfast is free!

Hope to see you there!

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**, **Leonor and Jim Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty and Jack Gaughan Family on Jack's passing**, **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 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**, **Alex Reece** (granddaughter of Kathie Gulizia), **Steven Clarke** (Bob Clarke's son) and **Blake Kurz**.

**Communication from Laura Webb – Youth Ministry Director
RE: Children’s Sunday School**

I enjoy so much the time I spend with our children at 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.

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

**Follow-Up Session for
2023-24 New Members**

Sat. Jan 11th at 10 am to 11:15 am
Fellowship Hall



- Informal Checking-in
- Sharing experiences & suggestions
- Coffee & Snacks

John Thomas “Jack” Gaughan



John Thomas “Jack” Gaughan, 89, artist, entrepreneur, and resident of Brentwood, Calif., died Oct. 31, 2024. Jack passed away in his sleep while living in a hospice in Concord, Calif. after years of contending with Alzheimer’s disease. Jack is survived by his wife, Betty Gaughan (née Partridge); children Peter (Cathy) Gaughan IV, Margaret “Peggie” (Robert) Hamilton, and Michael (Sandra) Gaughan; and grandchildren Sally Ann Gaughan, Riley Gaughan, Peter Gaughan V, Nathan

Gaughan, Caitlin Hamilton, and Azure Hamilton. He was preceded in death by his sister Sharon and brothers Peter II and Terrence. Jack was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 24, 1935. His father, John, was a motorcycle police officer and his mother, Lucille Klinkner, was a dietician. He attended St Ignatius and Parma Senior high schools. Jack met Betty while they were students at Baldwin-Wallace College; he graduated from B-W with a degree in Psychology and Fine Arts & Business in 1960. Betty and Jack were wed June 13, 1959. Their children were born in the Cleveland area before the family moved to Southern California in 1971. There, they opened a camera store, a gift shop, a stationery store, and a warehouse, but Jack’s principal career was always marketing photographic equipment. After Jack and Betty moved to the San Francisco area in 1985, he began studying and teaching visual arts. Jack developed a beautifully asymmetrical and organic style of clay sculpture, while also being a talented photographer and sketch and watercolor artist. Jack was also a wonderful actor, singer, and impresario. He performed or directed many times with the Ross Valley Players, San Rafael’s Belrose Theater, and the Mountain Play Association at the amphitheater within Mount Tamalpais State Park. In 2003, Jack and Betty moved to Brentwood. Jack brought with him his commitment to the arts. With partner Steve Kinsella, he founded the Brentwood Theater Company (now the Ghost-light Theatre Ensemble), including the iconic outdoor experience of “Broadway Under the Stars”. Jack taught art at Los Medanos College and later established the Delta Gallery of the Arts. He was also an active member of the Brentwood Rotary Club and Brentwood Police Activities League. For his contributions to the community, Jack was recognized as both 2012 Artist of the Year and 2013 Citizen of the Year in the City of Brentwood. Jack, or “Papa” as he was known by his family, will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was unique, ambitious, creative, and loving. His tireless energy was infectious to everyone around him. A celebration of Jack’s life will be held at the Brentwood Veterans Memorial Building (757 First St.) on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 2-4 p.m. RSVP would be welcome (but not required!) to Pete at 925-330-1733. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you support Ghost-light Theatre Ensemble (ghostlightte.org)! His ashes will be scattered at Mt. Tamalpais’s amphitheater. Jack was a common sight in our church. He attended many of our events while accompanying his wife, our very own Betty Gaughan. Many of us are familiar with him and have benefitted from his life achievements. He is missed.

Lay Leader News

By Heidi Stark

Happy New Year! Like it or not, 2025 is here! We all know that a new year will bring good times, bad times, laughter, tears, fears, sorrows, and joys. A new year also means new opportunities and options. We can only look back on the past year and consider what we liked and what we didn't. We can look forward to setting new goals, making changes, and finding ways to live out our dreams. A new year is a new chance to cherish our families and friends and to show our love to all. A new year is a time to count our blessings, ask God to guide our steps each day, help us to be the best versions of ourselves, and help us to lead our best lives.

Two years ago, I stepped out in faith and took on the role of Lay Leader along with Dave Funk. This was like no position I had ever held before, and it was very much out of my comfort zone. Lay Leaders work with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation. I'm so thankful for the support of Dave, Pastor, and all of you as I continue to learn and grow in this role. I love being one of your Lay Leaders, and I feel like my faith journey has grown tremendously in this position. Years ago, I couldn't imagine standing at the pulpit and delivering the Sunday message. I have great admiration for all the Pastors that deliver God's message week after week. I'm thankful to only do it once or twice a year, but I've come to appreciate the challenge and I'm so thankful for the growth in my relationship with Jesus. I look forward to continuing to serve this congregation as a Lay Leader in 2025.

As Lay Leaders, Dave and I want to get to know the hopes and dreams of our congregation, and we work with Pastor to find ways to fulfill the mission and vision of BCUMC. Dave and I continue to share the responsibility of sitting in on committee meetings to be aware of the workings and issues of BCUMC to make sure we are accurately reflecting the needs of our congregation. Also, Dave and I meet monthly with Pastor to discuss and plan ways to come together and ways to reach out. We always need your help and value your input. Please let us know how we are doing. Look for the little black box in the sanctuary – it's a locked box that Dave and I will access regularly. All messages received are reviewed and acted on as appropriate. You can confidentially leave messages or prayer requests – whatever you want us to know. We're hoping that you will let us know your hopes and dreams for BCUMC. Also, let us know what you like or don't like (sermons are too short or too long, more music, less music, study ideas, small group ideas, fellowship ideas, etc...) Your input will inform our actions and we want to make sure we are accurately reflecting the wants and needs of our congregation.

As one of your Lay Leaders I'm available to listen; I look forward to hearing what you have to say. Please call or text me at 925-216-4709 or email me at hstark@cobaltc.com. Happy New Year! I pray that 2025 will bring you all good health, happiness, love, and laughter.



Join us on **January 12th Sunday right after Worship** to take down our Christmas decorations. We'll gather together in the sanctuary after a brief fellowship time in Social Hall, then the de-hanging will begin. Help us make sure everything gets put away well for next year.



NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

January 19 and 26 from 12 pm to 1:15 pm (Quiet Room)

You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) **join** our church as a committed member or (2) **just learn** more about our church. This orientation will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; and (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission.

If you are interested, please let the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or hslee3@gmail.com. Or you may just show up!

Our gathering is always very enjoyable and spiritual.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

4 Emily Ruddick
5 Zachary Diksa
12 Vickey Barriner
15 Margo Wentz
16 Dari Tran
18 Heidi Stark
21 Jackie Hanel
23 Jacob Lukacs
24 Wyatt van Ruiten
25 Horace Gipson
25 Gbenga Olayomi
27 Audrey Dunn



January

2. Scott and Carl Kammeyer

ALIVE IN '25

The spirit of Christ
Is alive in me.
May I see,
Upon reflection,
God's great wisdom
That helps us find
New understanding
And direction.

May fear have
No power
Over my days,
As love can amaze
Us, living strong
Hopeful and clear.
With new learnings
And joyful new turnings
In this New Year!

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January 2025 Facility Use Calendar

Due to technical difficulties January's calendar will be sent at a later date. Sorry for the delay.

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

