

Deeds and Opportunities

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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2021 APRIL Worship Schedule

***** All Worship Services are Online!**

Come Join Us in Various Worship Services on Church Website and Facebook:

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

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

WORSHIP Online	Scripture/ Message	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
April 2 (Friday) 2021 6:00 pm On ZOOM		On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us. Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy
April 4, 2021 6:00 am & 10:30 am Outdoor In- Person & Online		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Easter Sunrise Service at 6 am (pre-recording video available from 6 am Sunday) • Easter Morning Service at 10:30 am (In-Person Outdoor Worship on the Second Street as well as Online on zoom, YouTube and Church Website)
April 11, 2021 10:15 am Indoor In- Person & Online	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Sunday of Easter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 20:19-31; Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Anthem: Joe Kick • Worship Leader: Becca Feldermann • Usher: Jamie Feldermann • Singer: Larry Schaffer & Edie Tidrick
April 18, 21 10:15 am Indoor In- Person & Online	<p style="text-align: center;">Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 24:36b-48; Psalm 4 Acts 3:12-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Anthem: Larry Schaffer & Edie Tidrick • Singers: Larry Schaffer & Edie Tidrick • Usher: Scott Baxter
April 25, 2021 10:15 am Indoor In- Person & Online	<p style="text-align: center;">Fourth Sunday of Easter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 10:11-18; Psalm 23 Acts 4:5-12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Larry Schaffer • Anthem: Joe Kick • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Usher: Scott Baxter • Singers: Larry Schaffer & Edie Tidrick

ONLINE WEBEX/ZOOM MEETINGS

- **UM Men's Group**: All men are welcome! 8 am Saturday April 3rd
- **Young Christians Ministry Committee**: 6 pm Tuesday, April 6th
- **Staff Parish Relations Committee**: 4:30 pm Wednesday April 14th
- **United Methodist Women**: 7 pm Monday April 19th
- **Congregational Care Network**: 10 am Wednesday April 28th
- **Ad Council**: 7 pm Wednesday April 28th (**Anyone who wishes to join Ad Council is asked to contact Julius Lukacs for the link prior to the meeting!*)

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear My Beloved Family of God

April is our month for a new beginning. From Easter Sunday, we will begin our IN-PERSON Worship Service. For Easter (April 4), we will gather ***In-Person Outdoor***. After that, we will gather ***In-Person Indoor*** at the sanctuary every Sunday. We will be very careful to keep safety protocols every time we gather. Still our County is in Red Tier that requires of only 25% capacity to gather together inside. And we ask you to make RSVP with Michelle Carrillo our Admin Assistant by Thursday each week so we can keep the log for emergency contact.



Date	What/When	How	Where
April 4 (Easter Sunday)	Easter Sunrise Worship: 6 am	<i>Pre-recorded Video</i> available from 6 am Sunday	Online
	Easter Morning Worship: 10:30 am	<i>IN-PERSON & ONLINE</i> (Zoom, YouTube & Church Website)	Outdoor at 2 nd Street Lawn
Every Sunday (April 11, 18, 25)	Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 am	<i>IN-PERSON & ONLINE</i> (Zoom, YouTube & Church Website)	Indoor at the sanctuary with 25% capacity

I am so happy to share this good news with you! Let us get vaccinated as quickly as possible and make our community safer and healthier by listening to science and to the voice of God in this Easter Season!

Prayers and worship are always the best medicine for our souls. You are invited to join our online Worship Service each Sunday. You will continue to receive ZOOM invitation with Sunday Bulletin every Friday whether we gather together in-person or not. And you have three options for online service as follows:

1. **Watch and interact** on **ZOOM**
2. **Watch without interaction** live on **YouTube** (There are clickable links on our website home page and our Facebook page for the Live-Stream Service)
3. **Watch the recorded service** on our web page and Facebook after **7 pm** Sunday

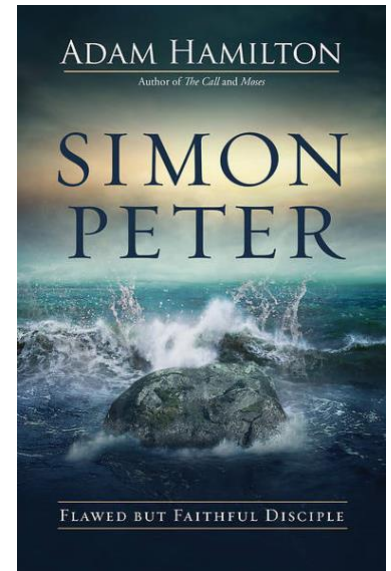
Let us keep moving forward with our Risen Lord in our hearts!

“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

EASTER SEASON BIBLE STUDY: SIMON PETER: Flawed but Faithful Disciple (Rev. Adam Hamilton)

- you can purchase the book here
<https://www.cokesbury.com/Simon-Peter>
- **6 Tuesdays:** April 27th to June 1st 2 pm – 3:30 pm (Zoom)
- **DVD** features Adam Hamilton in this six-week journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, and character of Simon Peter.
- For registration, contact pastor Hyesung Lee (925-303-9339; hslee3@gmail.com)
- See the introductory video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhBEI81_iE4



YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!

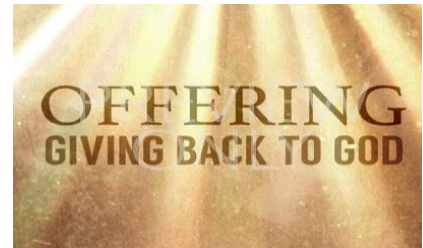
Even though we do not meet in person every Sunday as we used to, the church is still working to be the church for all the people in the world. Ministries, done by clergy, staff and lay leaders, continue to serve God and His children in the following areas:

CARING MINISTRY, CONNECTING MINISTRY, OUTREACHING MINISTRY, etc.

Please send your donations to the church

(1) by check (to 809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA 94513) or

(2) by using Paypal or Credit Card online (https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcunc/make_donation)



YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

CANNED GOODS FOR HOPE HOUSE:

Bring them on Easter Sunday morning and in the whole month of April!
HOPE HOUSE Opening Hours: Mon and Wed 9am to noon



WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network of BCUMC. If you want to add names or make any change in this list, please contact Linda Barnhill at 925.628.9018 or donnlin1103@gmail.com

HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR THE SICK:

Greg Pacquer (cancer), **Cathy and Melody** (friends of Joyce Sorenson), **Don Barnhill** (hip recovery), **Barbara Pinkston** (Blood Pressure), **Heather** (daughter of Eugene/Jenny Davis, recovery from heart surgery), **Bob Clarke** (neck pain), **JoAnn and Lola** (Grandma and mom of Cheryle Breitenbucher, COVID, cancer) **Audrey Dunn** (daughter of Jen/Rick Dunn), **Monti** (neighbor of Robin Vaughan), **Penny** (cancer, a friend of Rick D), **Rebecca Franks** (cancer, aunt of Diana Lane), **Grace Olayomi** (wife of Gbenga), **Billie Ebert** (cancer, mom of Lynn Austin), **Kristi Vest** (sister of Polly G.), **David Funk** (cancer), **Gabe Charpentier** (chemo), **Vincent Cortese** (dad of Ramona Baxter), **Joan Wood, John Logan Gonzales, Gordon Fong, Beverly Tucker**

HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Diane Hutchison (broken hips, at rehab La Casa Via, Walnut Creek),
Esther Riney, Jo Merritt, Esther Graham, Joyce Heflin,
Ethel Badham, Kittie Piotrowski, Diana Easley, Verna Kruse

SAFETY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS DURING COVID-19:

MEDICAL: **Ezihe Ekpemiro** (RN at County Hospital in Martinez),
Cheryl Dobson (RN), **Luther Belino** (Care Home),
Christopher Janzen (RN at Stanford),
Teresa Romero RN Santa Clara Valley),
Aishlin Greene (RN Sutter Roseville),
Tori Kuwahara (Provides Hospice Care),
Diane Taylor (RN at Premier Surgery Center),
Cory Hartley (RN Director in San Ramon Medical),
Respiratory Therapists and Pulmonary Therapists at El Camino Hospital
and John Muir Healthcare (from Michael Ann),

FIRE FIGHTER: **Brett Holm** (Firefighter), **Robert Ruddick** (Captain ECCFPD),

Lee Taylor (San Jose-Larry S's son-in-law)

POLICE OFFICER: **Michael Brunicardi** (son-in-law of Heidi Stark),

Lee Davis (nephew of Michael Ann in North Carolina)

SCHOOL: Teachers, Staff, Volunteers at

Brentwood, Oakley, Knightsen, Antioch, Byron and Liberty School Districts

FOOD MINISTRY: Volunteers at HOPE HOUSE

ARMY: **Steve Clarke** (son of Bob Clarke), **Murphy Slay** (son of Paul and Lisa Slay)

Alexandra Reece (Granddaughter of Kathie and Fred Gulizia),

Christian Rumsey (a nephew of Shirley Gray)



*We pray for you and your caregivers that God may fill you every day with
strength, faith, love and peace!*

Finance Update

By: Bob Clarke

Our Finance Committee is a great bunch of folks who want to see our congregation flourish. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and caring nature. I would also like to thank our office administrator, Michelle Carrillo, for her great work as she is the force that keeps our church on the right track. We all have been tweaking the finance process with good communication and training.

All in all, our church seems to be in rather good shape. Overall, our pledges are on par with what they were last year, being just \$493.00 less. The non-pledge income took a hit because of the pandemic and us not being able to see each other in person. However, because we have not been physically going to our building this saves us a bit in power and utilities and they essentially offset each other. The facility use income is less because we lost some clientele during this difficult time. However, we will see a bump in income from a Love for Learning building rent increase.

Another saving grace has been the Payroll Protection Plans that our government implemented to help us get through this historic crisis. Last year we were loaned \$21,400.00 which went mostly toward church staff salary and this year we were loaned \$19,000.00 which will once again offset church staff salary. Thank goodness last year's loan was forgiven. However, we will need to apply for forgiveness for this year's loan in 2022.

As a committee we went through the budget with a fine-tooth comb and ironed out any foreseeable problems/shortfalls. We decided the best course of action would be to leave the budget as it was before the pandemic, in the hopes that we will be back to in-person services before the end of the year. Fingers crossed! Although we did decide to reduce the budget to better match our reduced services during this pandemic.

In addition, we have been able to pay 100% of our apportionment to the conference.

All these changes put our budget in the positive by \$4,360.99 for the year and will keep us heading in the right financial direction.

A big thanks to Jere Retzer and Tom Miller for the work they accomplished in the beginning of last year. Also, to Larry Schaffer for stepping in the end of last year as chairman and putting together a successful stewardship campaign and keeping the ball rolling with the Payroll Protection Plan.

And thanks again to Michelle Carrillo, our office administrator, and the 2021 finance committee: Joy Kick, Polly Gallagher, Larry Schaffer, John Moore, Jenny Davis, Betty Gaughan, and Joyce Sorensen.

SPRC – CONNECTING THE PASTOR, STAFF & CONGREGATION

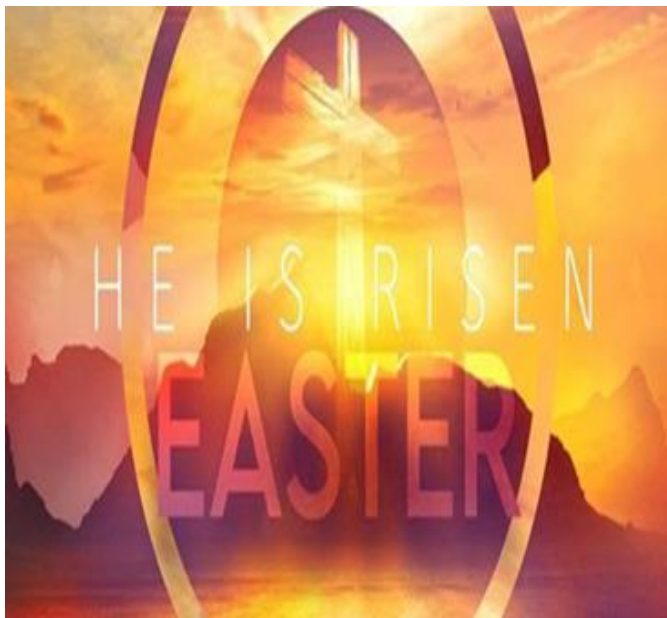
By Heidi Stark

Our Choir Director, Alivia Logan-Kumagai, and her husband Jeff are expecting a baby girl in April! Alivia is planning to sing for us on Easter before she takes some time off to settle into motherhood. We pray for a healthy and safe delivery for Mom and baby, and we wish Alivia, Jeff and their precious daughter health, happiness, and lots of love.

Our Youth Director, Rebecca Feldermann will be leaving her position in May. Becca and her family are moving to Nevada. Her husband, James started his new job there in December with Becca and Jamie staying in Brentwood to close out the school year. It is always hard to say goodbye to long time loved members of our church family; they will be dearly missed. We will be honoring Becca's term as Youth Director during service on Sunday, May 16th. Please plan to participate in honoring Becca's service to the youth and children of BCUMC.

SPRC recognizes the importance of a strong youth program at BCUMC, and we are starting the search for a new Youth Director now. Our hope is to have the position filled by the time we can meet in person again, but we need your help. We are reaching out to our Church community first to see if anyone in our midst is called to serve our youth or knows someone who may be a good fit. Please prayerful consider how you can help BCUMC fill this important staff position. Please direct any inquires to Heidi Stark, SPRC Chair hstark@cobaltc.com or call or text 925-216-4709.

Since we aren't meeting in person, it's easy to forget that there is still work going on behind the scenes to keep our Church running. We are very thankful for our BCUMC staff and volunteers for faithful service. Please remember to reach out to a SPRC committee member to express your hopes, dreams, compliments, and concerns.



Easter
Special
Offering
for
**Shepherd's
Gate**
(Shelter for victims
of domestic
violence)

BCUMC United Methodist Men
Present a Benefit Concert featuring
The Herb Henry Family
With Special Guest -- Jr. Henry Family
Saturday, April 10th at 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

Larry Schaffer has arranged a wonderful way to keep up the tradition of providing our youth annual scholarships. He has coordinated an exciting evening of "virtual" Southern Gospel music by the Herb Henry Family.

United Methodist Men invite you to join us on Zoom for a wonderful evening of fun and music. For a small gift of \$25 (or more) you will be provided with a Zoom link to view a live performance by the Herb Henry Family. All proceeds go to the UMM scholarship fund.

United Methodist Men have held an annual fundraiser for almost four decades. The Bean-Feed and Auction have been a yearly mainstay for as long as most of us can remember. The goal of this event has always been to support our young disciples with scholarships as they accomplish their academic endeavors. This year, because of the pandemic, we are unable to hold this treasured traditional event.

Your purchase of a \$25 ticket will get you an email link that covers the costs of the Virtual Concert. Any additional amount over that will be the primary funding for the scholarship fund. Please donate generously!

There are two ways;

- * Make your check to BCUMC and mail to:
BCUMC
809 2nd St.
Brentwood CA 94513

In the Memo Line notate Herb Henry Family. Your check will go toward the UMM Scholarship Fund, less concert expenses. *Please include your current email address on your check.*

The Link you receive on April 10th is your "ticket".

OR

- * Use the BCUMC website:
 1. <https://brentwoodumc.org>
 2. click on "Make Donation" at the top of website Home Page
 3. on next page [Click HERE to Donate](#)
 4. click on the \$25, \$50, \$100 or Other Amount box.
Please consider using the Other Amount box and donate generously.
 5. click on "(Optional) Use this donation for _____."
 6. then select "Herb Henry Family Zoom Concert"



All donations are greatly appreciated.



- 7. John Moore
- 9. Donna Baker
- 12. Joey Zamjahn
- 15. Murphy Slay
- 16. Jill Price
- 21. Greg Pacquer
- 21. Ellen Rowan
- 22. Jenn Dunn
- 25. Paula Gallagher
- 26. Adam Simas, Jr.
- 27. Beverly Tucker

! Happy Anniversary

- 27. Nicole & Adam Simas

EASTER HOPE

We are walking through the valley
During this pandemic year
Wearing our masks - keeping our distance
And one thing seems abundantly clear
As humans, though we need protection
We are meant for human connection
We are meant to come together
To weather the storms
And celebrate the joys – together!
We are hoping for light up ahead
Practicing compassion
Helping where we can.

And, once again - spring is coming
Flowers blooming, bees are humming
And gratitude lifts our spirits.
We turn our thoughts
In God's direction
And rest in the divine connection
And hold close in our hearts
The mystery of Jesus' love
And his resurrection!
Our risen Lord
Brings us hope.
In these days and times
May we find
Peace and love
And hope.

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By Heidi Stark

United Methodist Women

Polly Gallagher led our March Zoom meeting with seven women in attendance. The program focused on Women's History Month, and we learned how women in scripture and in UMW's history have been persistent in prayer and speaking up to accomplish what needs to get done. Yeah for women!

We are so thankful that so many women responded to the UMW pledge letter last month. UMW members and other women from the church have contributed generously to the work of UMW locally and globally. Your donations allow our UMW to continue to support many important programs and services. It is not too late to make a donation - all are appreciated and may be sent to Polly Gallagher, BCUMC UMW Treasurer (address is in the directory).

Many thanks to all who have provided items for care packages to be sent to deployed female soldiers monthly. Cheryl Breitenbucher reports that she has a large stockpile of donations to last for several months. We will request additional supplies when Cheryl runs low. UMW continues to collect newborn and premie knitted hats. If you are a knitter, please consider knitting for this project. The hats can be dropped off with Charlene Dobson (address is in the directory) and her daughter will take them to the hospital she works at. If you have yarn to donate, let UMW know and we will get it to a knitter. We appreciate everyone's generosity.

Our next UMW meeting will be on Zoom on Monday, April 19th at 7pm. The program is titled Unbound to Share Good News. We'll learn how women experience freedom in Christ through the stories of the unbound woman and the women at the empty tomb, and we'll consider how we can apply that understanding to the work of our Regional Missionaries. Please consider joining us for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth - all women are welcome!

You can join the Zoom meeting at [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 867 1977 9110 Passcode: Women

Please join us on Monday, April 19th at 7pm.

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Statement of Inclusion:

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church is a welcoming and reconciling congregation, affirming its ministry with the whole family of God regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, economic situation, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Schuyler Rhoads

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leaders: Julius Lukacs and David Funk

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

