

Deeds and Opportunities

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2021 **NOVEMBER** Worship Schedule

Hybrid Worship Service Both **In-Person** and **Virtual!**

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP	Church Calendar/Scripture	WORSHIP MINISTER Schedule
<p>November 7 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>24th Sunday After Pentecost All Saints Day Sunday Youth Sunday Matthew 8: 23-27 "The Storm is Passing Over" Preacher: Rachael Green</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion ● Worship Ministers: Youths ● Pianist: Greg Pacquer ● Preacher: Rachael Green ● Stewardship Moment (4) ● Confirmation Class (4): 12 pm (Sanctuary) – Teacher: Cheryl Breitenbucher
<p>November 14 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>25th Sunday After Pentecost PLEDGE SUNDAY Jeremiah 29:4-9 "Presente! Presente! Presente!"</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pledge Sunday – Finance Committee ● Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher ● Coffee with Pastor: 12 pm in Fireside Room
<p>November 21 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>26th Sunday After Pentecost THANKSGIVING SUNDAY Psalm 132:1-12 John 18:33-37 "Give Thanks in All Circumstances"</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worship Leader: Michelle Monsef ● Pianist: Kevin Fallon ● Thanksgiving Celebration
<p>November 28 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>First Sunday of Advent CARE-GIVER SUNDAY "Compassion in Action through Relationship of Encouragement"</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appreciation of Care-Givers ● Worship Leader: Heidi Stark ● Piano: Lugh Baxter ● Confirmation Class (5) – Teacher: Pastor Lee

SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTERS

DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	PIANIST	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
11/7	Emma Smith	Greg Pacquer	Ben Lukacs	Christian Belino	Polly Gallagher
11/14	Polly Gallagher	tba	Robin Bliss	Christian Belino	Chris van Ruiten
11/21	Michelle Monsef	Kevin Fallon	Oluchi Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Polly Gallagher
11/28	Heidi Stark	Lugh Baxter	Jenny Green	Wiley Slay	Polly Gallagher

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear My Beloved Family of God

<Coffee With the Pastor> has been a success. Over 40 people attended to 5 Saturday gatherings so far in September and October. Attendants include 2 children, 2 youth and 3 newcomers. The biggest group was 14 people and the smallest 5. I've heard from several people that they have been waiting for this kind of gathering – small, friendly and gathering together for personal and spiritual conversations. So many people told me that they have gotten to know one another better and a little bit deeper. Someone sent me the following email:

"Thank you for the "Coffee with the Pastor" this past Saturday. We got to know each other a little more, in some important ways. I was glad to be able to share some of my faith and life journey. And I love my "Dream" stone!"

Throughout this journey of <Coffee with 'the Congregation'> for me, I felt that you have so much bigger interest and hunger in knowing one another than I thought. This could mean that you want to involve in the ministry and the life of the church in more meaningful ways. Your love for the church might have been greater than I think. The sense of 'belongingness' has been neglected too long. And it needs to continue to happen. Without belongingness, there will be no 'FAMILY-ness.' The family of God needs to grow to be more genuine and empowering community of believers. I am thinking of another string of <Coffee with the Pastor> gatherings during 2022 Lent, reflecting upon our faith journey, embedded in our colorful life journeys.

As we meet the month of Thanksgiving and prepare for the Advent, I'd like us to pray for HOPE HOUSE. Jerry Walton, our current director of HOPE HOUSE, graciously offered to stay until the end of December as we recruit new director and two co-directors. How important is it to serve God through HOPE HOUSE? What can each of us offer for this important ministry for the poor in our own community? Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us and open our hearts and minds for the future of HOPE HOUSE ministry for our neighbors!

May God bless our BCUMC and many forms of ministries as we continue to serve in One Spirit. God is wonderful! 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



Unmask Your Generosity

The stewardship campaign for 2022 is under-way and already the generous nature of our members is evident. If you have not received a pledge card and narrative budget in the mail, or a prayer connection postcard, and would like either one, please contact one of the finance committee members or Michelle in the church office. The Fellowship Hall is currently home to our visual narrative budget depicting just a few of the ways our financial support helps us **Connect, Grow and Serve.**

Our pledge display will be “unmasked” every week as the pledge cards are returned and totaled. Our pledge celebration service is set for Sunday, November 14th. We hope you join us as we celebrate the generosity of our church family.



Finance Committee Members
 Bob Clarke, John Moore, Joy Kick,
 Joyce Sorenson, Jenny Davis,
 Polly Gallagher, Larry Shaffer,
 Betty Gaughan



Hello, Youth & Youth Families!

Several of us had a fabulous Fall Break, visiting colleges and seeing relatives. It was really wonderful to enjoy time with our families.

This past month with Youth Group has been a bit bumpy. We had to change our plans of attending the Corn Maze since we received all of the wonderful rain. We painted pumpkins and face masks while listening to the rain. We have some wonderful artists!

Coming up in November, we will start the month off with our Youth Service on November 7th, which is an important way for our youth to serve the church. We will skip the holiday weekends, but we will meet again on Nov. 21st. We have some great plans coming up to serve in December, but we are still working out the details. Be on the lookout for an updated calendar for the next several months!

Youth Families-please remember to RSVP to all events. This helps me plan for the correct number of students participating. You can email me at cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net or youth@brentwoodumc.org or even text me! I encourage the youth to sign up for the Remind App, so that we can text each other. (Parents can join as well.) Text to 81010 and in the message write @youthbcumc

Cheryl Breitenbucher-BCUMC Youth Director

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

Each committee will take turns to be in charge of fellowship hour by bringing drinks, snacks (store-bought) and making coffee. Designated servers will wear masks and gloves and serve. The team will clean up after the fellowship.

DATE	COMMITTEE
11/7	Worship
11/14	Reconciling Ministry
11/21	Endowment & Memorials
11/28	Nomination
12/5	UM Women
12/12	UM Men
12/19	CCN
12/26	Finance



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

For What?: To Increase Sense of Belonging to BCUMC Family; To Meet Old and New Friends; To Share Joys and Concerns

Who: All BCUMC members and friends! CCN members will personally call or email to you for the invitation. There will be 7-10 people for each gathering

When: Saturdays 10:00 am to 11:15 am (November 13)

*A virtual meeting for those who are not available for In-Person gathering:

November 9th (Tuesday) from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Please let the pastor know that you are interested in coming for this gathering!

*A make-up session on Sunday November 14th at noon right after Worship Service in Fireside Room. Anyone is welcome!

SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

By Heidi Stark

Pastor Appreciation Day was last month, and we surprised Pastor Lee with a basket of Autumn decorations. One of the items she received was a plate with the words *Grateful, Thankful, Blessed*. Not only is BCUMC *blessed* with a wonderful Pastor but also an amazing staff. We are *grateful* for all the administrative details Michelle attends to each week. We are *grateful* for the beautiful music selected by our Choir Director, Alivia and played for us by our talented accompanists, Greg, Kevin, and Lugh. We are *grateful* for our enthusiastic new Youth Director, Cheryl providing fun and fellowship for our youth. We are *grateful* to Keith our custodian for keeping our facilities clean and ready for worship.

We are *thankful* for all the members and friends of BCUMC because it's truly a team effort. SPRC appreciates 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.

Grateful, Thankful, Blessed

2021-22 CONFIRMATION JOURNEY



Please **PRAY** for Confirmands, Mentors, Teachers and Parents as they join in 2021-2022 Confirmation Journey from October! Pray that:

- 1) this journey be a meaningful one for all of them with full of illuminations, joys, and of spiritual growth
- 2) mentors, teachers and parents may be, led by the Holy Spirit, encouraging the confirmands to follow the way of Jesus Christ by word and example
- 3) confirmands may be able to hear the call from the Lord and given the grace to respond with courage and generosity.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY:

When: October 2021 – May 2022; Sundays at noon in Sanctuary

Who: Confirmands: Jenny Green, Ben Lukacs, Oluchi Ogbonna, Wiley Slay

Mentors: Dennis Buckley, Polly Gallagher, Paul Slay, Jen Dunn, Becca Feldermann

Teachers: Julius Lukacs, Jen Dunn, Cheryl Breitenbucher, Pastor Hyesung Lee

Program: Textbook “CONFIRM – Your Faith / Your Commitment / God’s Call”

10 classes for basic faith formation

10 sessions with a mentor for deeper learning of faith journey

Service projects

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

WHAT	WHEN	SESSION	Session Leader
Orientation	October 3 12-1 pm	Orientation for Confirmands, Parents, Mentors & Teachers	Pastor & Julius Lukacs
Class 4	Nov 7 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our Christian Life Together</i> Confirm Text pp 84-105 (Lesson 11-14)	Cheryl Breitenbucher
Class 5	Nov 28 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our Disciple Life Together</i> Confirm Text pp 106 -120 (Lesson 15-17)	Pastor Lee
Class 6	Jan 9 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our God and Our Faith</i> Confirm Text pp 122-127; 156-161 (Lesson 18-19 & 23)	Pastor Lee
Class 7	Jan 23 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>The Bible</i> Confirm Text pp 135-149 (Lesson 20-21)	Pastor Lee



United Methodist Women

By Heidi Stark

On Sunday, October 17th, UMW presented Special Mission Recognition pins to Dennis Buckley and Jerry Walton. To recognize and honor their outstanding service to BCUMC and the community. Dennis has faithfully recorded our worship services and posted them so that those unable to attend in-person are still able to enjoy worship. As director of Hope House, Jerry Walton has worked tirelessly to keep the doors open during COVID and continue to serve the needs of the less fortunate in our community. We are thankful for the loving gifts of service both Dennis and Jerry provide.

The theme for the 2021-2022 UMW program year is “*Healing and Joy on our Journey to God*”. Both the Jesse Lee and Priscilla Circles will meet on Sunday, November 14th at Noon to participate in the long standing UMW tradition of World Thank Offering. This year’s program is entitled “*Embracing Change – Sharing Grace*”. World Thank Offering is an opportunity to respond to God’s abundance and grace in our life with gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the UMW total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please send your gifts to our UMW Treasurer, Polly Gallagher; she will forward our collection to UMW for distribution to our missions.

Our BCUMC UMW has many ongoing projects; as well as new events and projects coming up. We provide care packages for deployed female soldiers once a month through an organization called Soldiers' Angels. Contact Cheryl Breitenbucher to see how to help with that project. UMW also collects newborn and preemie knitted hats. The hats can be dropped off with Charlene Dobson.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, November 14th at Noon for World Thank Offering – a light lunch will be served.



NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

January 9 and 16 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.

BCUMC Meetings & Facility Use

NOVEMBER 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	2 Young Christian Ministry 6:30 pm Social H. DIG Board Meeting 7pm	3 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm AI-Anon 7pm Trustee 7pm	4 Choir 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	5 AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	6 UMM Breakfast 8am Fellowship Hall BCC Rehearsal 2:30pm
7 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm	8 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	9 Produce Truck Hope House 4pm Coffee w/Pastor 6:30 (virtual) BCC 7-9pm	10 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm SPRC 4:30pm Fellowship Hall AI-Anon 7pm	11 Choir 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	12 AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	13 Coffee w/ Pastor 10am
14 Worship 10:30am Coffee /Pastor Makeup 12pm Fireside Room Jesse Lee & Priscilla Circles 12pm Social H. Youth Group 5:30pm	15 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	16 Finance Meeting 6pm Social Hall BCC 7-9pm	17 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am AI-Anon 7pm	18 N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	19 AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	20 Piano Class 9-1pm Memorial 1:30 to 3:30
21 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm	22 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm DIG 7pm Social Hall	23 Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7-9pm	24 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm AI-Anon 7pm Ad Council 7pm (online)	25 N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall 	26 AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	27
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* 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



1. Linda Torrello
2. Joyce Heflin
4. Rebecca Feldermann
4. Eileen Newill
6. Adella Logan
7. Chinyere Ekpemiro
7. Jason Funk
10. Joy Brown
10. Alvin Simas
10. Kim Fraley
11. Diana Lane
11. Sarah Zamjahn
12. Kayla Gallagher
18. Darby Gray
20. Maeci Scott
21. Judy (Sorenson) Doversa
22. Jamie Feldermann
22. Joanie Johnson
22. Hisako Suzuki
22. Trevor Austin
23. Briana Price
24. Carlos Malagon
25. Becky Johnson
25. Dan Hanel
27. Patricia Evans
29. Joe Kick

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Happy Anniversary

13. Connie and Mark Azevedo
13. Jo and Jerry Tennant
17. Rebecca and James Feldermann
21. Shirley and Kevin Gray
24. Diana and Nathan Lane
26. Jane and Sam Travale

THANK YOU

Thank you, God – for another day
I didn't earn it – I didn't pay
Thank you for the rain that's coming
Thank you for Thanksgiving day.
Thank you for baby boys being born
And for little girls who run and play
And for children all around this world
Thank you for Grandparents day.

Thank you for parents everywhere
Who show each day how much they care
And for ancestors whom we no longer see
We'll hug them one day in eternity.
Thank you for clouds and ocean breeze
For running rivers and redwood trees
For banjo tunes and singers singing
For those who keep the church bells ringing.

Thank you for friends, near and far
For our human family, just as we are
Thank you for grace and faith and peace
They help us live with love and ease
It makes my heart want to sing
Thank you, God, for everything!

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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. Shinya Goto

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

