

Deeds and Opportunities

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 10.02.2022



**Wear your traditional clothes!
If you can, bring your ethnic foods!**




2022 OCTOBER 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	Church Calendar/Scriptures	Worship Acts
<p style="text-align: center;">October 2 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Preacher: Rev. Hyesung Lee Galatians 6:1-18 "What Counts Is the New Creation"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Wear traditional clothes & bring traditional breads/foods to Fellowship Hour ● Fellowship: Membership & Friends in Faith
<p style="text-align: center;">October 9 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PULPIT EXCHANGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Preacher: Rev. Sungho Lee "Your Faith Made You Well" Luke 17:11-19 (Rev. Hyesung Lee will preach at Central UMC, Stockton)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Fellowship: Worship
<p style="text-align: center;">October 16 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">19th Sunday after Pentecost Ministry Reports & Celebrations by Lay Ministers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● New Members Orientation (1): 12 pm Quiet Room ● Fellowship: Reconciling Ministry
<p style="text-align: center;">October 23 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20th Sunday after Pentecost Jonah 1:1-17 Preacher: Rev. Hyesung Lee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● New Members Orientation (2): 12 pm Quiet Room ● Fellowship: Endowment & Memorials
<p style="text-align: center;">October 30 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">RECONCILING SUNDAY Guest Preacher Rev. Alyss Swanson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Forum: Reconciling Ministry in UMC and Near Us ● Fellowship: Trustees

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
10/2 Holy Communion	Jan Schults	Greg Pacquer	Christian Belino	Emma Smith	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
10/9	Jan Schults	Kevin Fallon	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
10/16	Heidi Stark	Kevin Fallon	Jenny Green	Ben Lukacs	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
10/23	David Funk	Greg Pacquer	Elijah van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
10/30	Polly Gallagher	Kevin Fallon	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

Pastor has requested that I provide the Pastor's letter for the Month of October. I join with my fellow Lay Leader in celebration of the opportunity for revitalization for Pastor Hyesung to renew her spirit as we in her Congregation are very thankful for her years of amazing service and leadership. We all look forward to sharing news of her recent journeys. During these recent weeks we have experienced several new inspirations including a visit with Paddington Bear and our visiting Clergy. We are thankful for the blessings provided by our guests arranged by Pastor Hyesung for her time away for renewal of her spirits.

We celebrate Pastor Hyesung this month with the presentation of our "Tree of Thanksgiving" for all the many blessings Pastor Hyesung has brought to us here at BCUMC. Hopefully each of you have been able to experience a "God Moment" in your personal spiritual journey.

"So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love."

Ephesians 3:17

Welcome back Pastor Hyesung!

In Christian Love,

Dave Funk

Let us believe and trust...show God's hope through our positive attitudes in all circumstances!

"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)

Youth Group

In September, we had a great month of eating! We got together and had pizza, started reading Acts, and played a lot of games. On another outing we went to Sip & Scoop, and then on the following Sunday we went to La Costa. We often have 3-4 youth attending each Sunday. Over the first few weeks in October, many of us are on Fall Break with exciting plans, so we will start back up on Sunday October 23rd. If the weather cooperates, we will be going to the Corn Maze in Livermore. (We will need chaperones, and possibly even an additional driver. More information coming soon!) At the end of October, we plan to make dinner, continue with Acts, and play more games. The Youth was asked what their favorite part of our worship service is on Sundays, and the responses were centered around the music. Choir, hymns, and the organ playing were all mentioned!

Contact Cheryl Breitenbucher at cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net for more information and permission slips!



We believe love in action can change the world

Thanks to our wonderful congregation our Trivia and Treasures gift basket raffle was a big success as was our Sunday Sundae event in August. Together over \$750 was raised to support mission outreach projects. We have allocated those funds for the following mission projects: \$300 to Heifer International, \$250 to the Angel Tree project, \$100 to Winter Nights mission, and \$100 to Samaritan's Purse. Our United Women in Faith group also paid the last PG & E bill for Hope House. When you support United Women in Faith fundraisers you help support projects and ministries at BCUMC, as well as local and global outreach projects. Thank you for your support!

At our meeting on September 19th, we started our new program book entitled "Mosaic of Faith". From September – November, we will be centering our hearts and minds on Jesus' question: ***Who do you say that I am?*** This will be our guiding question as we explore who Jesus is and what we know about God's character. Grounding ourselves in God's word and character is critical to understanding our roles as individuals and as part of a community in Christ. All women are invited to join us each month for a time of learning and fellowship.

We are planning for our World Thank Offering on Sunday, November 13th at Noon. Polly Gallagher will facilitate the program after we enjoy a light lunch of soup and salad. Please plan to attend

Also, save the date for the Annual Christmas Musical Program on Saturday, December 17th. United Women in Faith will be hosting the reception following the musical program.

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, October 17th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action!

Finance Update

As we enter the last quarter of the year, we will continue to focus on the income and expenditures of our current year, while beginning the process of looking forward to next year. If you are currently pledging, you can expect an update in early October as to your contributions for the year. Thank you for your commitment!

Our stewardship campaign begins Sunday, October 23. We look forward to sharing with you, and you sharing with us, how the Time, Talents and Treasures of this congregation continue to keep us connected and growing.



SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

We are thrilled to welcome Pastor Lee back from her two months of leave! We pray that her time away from the duties of our Church and congregation were relaxing, renewing, and rewarding. We look forward to hearing how she enjoyed her time and trip to Korea to celebrate her Mother's 90th birthday. Our Church stood together and supported each other while our Pastor was away, but we are thankful to have her safely returned to our congregation.

Pastor Appreciation is celebrated in October, and we will be celebrating our Pastor and welcoming her back to the pulpit on Sunday, October 2nd. Throughout the month of September, members and friends have left messages of thanks, and blessings for our dear Pastor Lee on a Fall tree display created by Dave Funk (Thank you, Dave!). On October 2nd, SPRC will present this tree filled with messages of love, encouragement, and support for Pastor Lee from her grateful congregation.

October 2nd is also World Communion Sunday where United Methodists join with other denominations worldwide to celebrate communion and acknowledge our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We come from all over the world, and everyone is asked to bring a traditional food to share during Fellowship after service. This could be a dish from your country or state, or a traditional food served in your family growing up. The idea is to share the variety and tastes of the world and learn more about each other and our cultures and traditions. What a fun way to welcome Pastor back!

Our Office Administrator, Michelle Carrillo enjoyed a few days of vacation in September, and we thank Polly Gallagher for stepping in while Michelle was away. Also, thanks to Dennis Buckley for working to make sure our phones and internet service were back up and running following a traffic accident near the Church that took out service in early September.

We send Happy Birthday wishes to our Choir Director, Alivia Logan-Kumagai on October 19th. May the year ahead be filled with blessings.

In August and September, we were blessed to have Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert, Rev. James Crawford, and Rev. Hugh Stevenson share their sermons with us. They challenged us each Sunday and helped us to learn and grow. We appreciate them for helping us support our Pastor while she was away.

As always, 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.

PULPIT EXCHANGE – OCT 9TH



**BCUMC
Brentwood**



**CentralUMC
Stockton**





October

- 6. Wiley Slay
- 15. Dylie Slay
- 18. Katie Moore
- 19. Alivia Logan-Kumagai
- 24. Jack Gaughan
- 26. Betty Gaughan
- 26. Carol Green
- 27. Diane Hutchison
- 29. Robin Vaughan
- 30. Mel Strong



October

- 3. Kim & Don Fraley
- 11. Jennifer and Rick Dunn
- 17. Polly and Vince Gallagher
- 25. Ann and Pete Cruz

GOD'S GUIDANCE

Dark may be the night
 Clouds covering the waning moon
 The creek has dried up
 And turned to stones, broken sticks

Yet even when there appears to be
 No way forward, no answer, nothing
 God's loving presence and guidance
 Illuminates the road ahead

I remember I am not alone
 I walk in the light of God.

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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 in this list, please contact Linda Barnhill (925) 628-9018 or donnlin1103@gmail.com).

Prayer Chain:



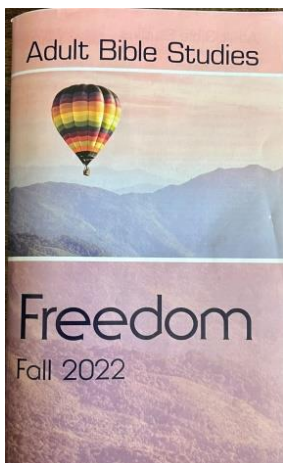
Grace Olayomi (Gbenga Olayomi's wife), **John Gonzales** (Adella Logan's son), **Bev Tucker**, **Melody** (Joyce Sorenson), **Christie Aumock** (Michael Ann Honea), **Renee Hawkins** (Larry Schaffer), **Steve Wetherbee** and **Randy Autentico** (Barbara Pinkston), both **Daughters of Eugene & Jenny Davis**, **Michael & Stephanie Capuro**, **Donna Baker**, **Nate** (Polly Gallagher's nephew), **Ethel Badham**, **Kittie Piotrowski**, **Esther Riney**, **Verna Kruse**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Jackie Kenzie** (Diane Lee), **Pat** (Dave Funk), **Victor** (Bob Clarke).

We pray for all our homebound friends and their caregivers that God may fill them every day with strength, faith, love, and peace.



Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday October 1st, 2022, at 8:00 AM. In fellowship hall!

Adult Bible Studies Fall 2022 (Freedom)



Beginning in September, a new and interesting program will start: Adult Bible Studies. Our study will begin with Bible lessons that follow the theme "Freedom." The lessons explore the concept of salvation and God's gracious acts in redeeming us. They challenge us who have experienced God's gracious salvation to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others. They acknowledge that as we do, we will encounter those whose beliefs and values are different from our own, so these lessons encourage us in ways to remain faithful in our beliefs while we act as loving neighbors to others.

Sign up in fellowship hall if interested in taking the class to receive the Adult Bible Studies Booklet, "Freedom" Fall 2022.

Pre-reading is listed in the book for the end of August before the class starts.

Contact the church office @ 1 (925) 634-3093 or Tony Webb @ 1 (770) 318-1793, if you have any questions.

When: September 4 to November 27, 2022 Where: Brentwood Community UMC Youth Room

Time: 8:30am Fellowship & Video, Start Class 8:45am To 9:45am

Come share in fellowship and grow with us

Coming Up... A Reconciling Sunday October 30th 10:30 am (Worship) & 12:00 pm (Forum)



*Guest Preacher: Rev. Alyss Swanson
Deacon Clergy of Reconciling Ministries
at Campbell United Methodist Church*



Rev. Alyss Swanson is a Deacon Clergy in the United Methodist Church, the first transgender Ordained Deacon, a member of California-Nevada Annual Conference. She is currently appointed to serve as a pastoral psychotherapist at Process Therapy Institute (PTI), a non-profit mental health agency in Campbell. Alyss also works at El Camino and Valley Medical hospitals as a volunteer chaplain as well as at DreamPower Horsemanship in Gilroy where she provides Equine and Animal Assisted Therapies. Alyss is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry at Claremont School of Theology where she is directed towards the advancement of reconciliation within the church and the LGBTQ+ community. Prior to entering the mental health field some 8 years ago, Alyss worked as a software/systems engineer at various semiconductor equipment companies in the SF Bay Area. Alyss is a Viet Nam era Navy veteran.

Sunday with Pastor Rev. Alyss Swanson

Place: Brentwood Community United Methodist Church (809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA)

When: October 30 (Sunday)

What: 10:30 am Preaching for Worship Service
12:00 pm Speaking for Forum

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1st, 2022)

“Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God Always!”

(General Principal of Wesleyan Methodist Discipleship)

1. In alignment with state requirements Contra Costa County has lifted universal mask requirements for vaccinated people in most indoor public settings.
2. For our public worship, we strongly suggest mask wearing for all, vaccinated or not, during the service and fellowship, with the exception that worship ministers (speakers or singers who are vaccinated) can take off their masks during speaking or singing and put back their masks on when they are done, and when eating or drinking. We must keep in mind that many members of our congregation are immunocompromised, and some have battled this disease and are concerned about re-infection.
3. For the safety of all, we continue to respect each person’s choice to wear or not wear a mask in any circumstances. No one should be asked ‘why?’
4. For the safety of all, anyone who has fever or sick should stay at home.
5. We allow people to bring home-made food to church or to cook in the church kitchen while only designated servers serve participants.
6. Regarding vaccination check, we will operate this guideline through an honor system. We will not demand to show any vaccination proof at the door or during the meeting to honor each participant’s privacy and integrity. COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be displayed on each wall of the rooms in the church.

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church Ad Council

What is Difference Between Elder and Deacon among Clergy?

Rev. Alyss Swanson is a Deacon Clergy in our Conference while Rev. Hyesung Lee, your pastor, is an Elder Clergy. You may wonder what is the difference between Elder and Deacon. Here is the shortest answer to that:

Elder: Elders are ordained for ministries of word (preaching and teaching), sacrament (communion and baptism), order (administration), and service. Most elders serve as pastors and are bound by Itinerant System – when the bishop appoints, Elders need to be amenable. Those ordained as an elder have met specific educational requirements.

Deacon: Deacons are clergy leaders who are called by God, authorized by the church and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of word, service, compassion and justice. Deacons exemplify Christian discipleship, nurture others in their relationship to God and lead church people to respond to the needs of the needy, neglected and marginalized of the world. Deacons are not bound by Itinerant System. They need to find their own places to serve, get the approval of the site from the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Bishop.

In the congregation, deacons teach, preach, officiate at funerals and weddings, offer pastoral care, assist the elder in administering Baptism and Holy

Communion, lead discipleship development ministries and help lay people identify and claim their own ministries. Deacons lead the congregation in its servant ministry and equip and support all baptized Christians in their ministry. Through the Order of Deacons, The United Methodist Church affirms this historic, central and distinct ministry.

Outside the walls of the church, deacons share the good news in word and in their advocacy for the poor, neglected, oppressed and discouraged; provide ministries of mercy; and invite Christians into these ministries. You can find more information about Deacon here: <https://www.cnumc.org/about-order-of-deacons>



Trivia and Treasures Gift Basket Raffle Winners

During Fellowship on Sunday, September 25th, United Women in Faith drew the winning tickets for our Trivia and Treasures Gift Baskets. Five baskets and the grand prize handmade beautiful quilt remained unclaimed; we would like to find the winners and present them with their gifts. Please check your ticket stubs and contact Jan Schults (925-890-6296) to make arrangements to pick up your prize.

The following are red tickets:

Basket # 2 – Ticket # **424006**

Basket # 3 – Ticket # **424048**

Basket # 4 – Ticket # **424003**

Basket # 6 – Ticket # **423970**

Basket # 7 – Ticket # **424161**

The winning ticket for the quilt is orange:

Quilt – Ticket # **327406**

Facility Use Calendar - October 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						UMM Breakfast 8am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am World Communion Sunday Youth Group 5:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Nomination Committee 10am FH Dig Board Meeting 7pm Fireside YCC 7pm (Youth Rm) BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm Trustees 7pm (Virtual)	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Pulpit Exchange Youth Group 5:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Worship Committee 10am F.H. Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm SPRC 4:30pm F.H.	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Laity Sunday Youth Group 5:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm United Women in Faith 7pm F.H.	Finance Committee 6pm Fellowship Hall BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm LGBTQIA Plus 6:30pm Virtual	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	Piano Recital 1:30-4:30pm Sanctuary
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Youth Group 5:30pm Piano Class 4-6:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm DIG 7pm Fellowship Hall	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm NAMI 7pm Fireside Room BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am Fellowship Hall Ad Council 7pm (Virtual) Al-Anon 7pm			
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Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Reconciling Sunday Guest Preacher						

* 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

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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

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

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

