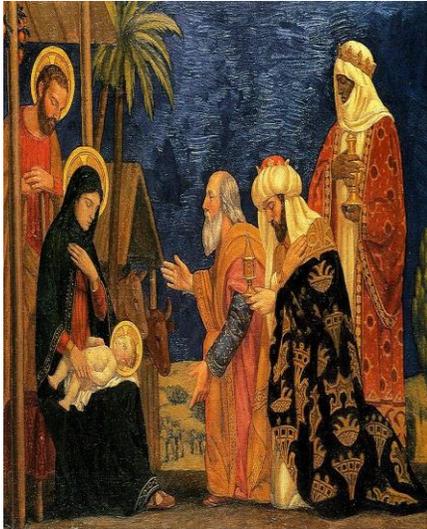




**BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Passion for Christ, Compassion for All*

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*Epiphany and Baptism  
of the Lord Sunday  
Holy Communion*

*10:30 am Sunday, January 7, 2024*

*\*Mark invites you to stand, as you are able.  
Please turn off all cell phones, or set on vibrate!  
Let us be in the spirit of worship, centering  
around God the Creator, Son the Redeemer  
and Holy Spirit the Sustainer who invites us into their  
presence, heal us and mold us into the image of God!*

**COMING TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

Greeter: Linda Walton  
Usher(s): Scott Baxter & Gbenga Olayomi

**Assistive listening receivers and headsets are available for members  
of the congregation who would like to use them.**

**\*ZOOM** host will guide you as you join online worship from 10:15 am  
**\*\***You will find blue buttons on our church website ([brentwoodumc.org](http://brentwoodumc.org))  
to join either **Live Zoom** Worship Service or **YouTube Live** Stream

**\*\*\*Recording** of Sunday Worship Service will be available after 7 pm Sunday on church website

<b>WELCOME</b> (Sound of the Gong)		Polly Gallagher
<b>*OPENING HYMN</b>	“Morning Has Broken” (#145 UMH)	Together
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Polly Gallagher
<b>MISSION/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES</b>		Polly Gallagher
<b>INTROIT</b>	“Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love”	BCUMC Choir
<b>TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES</b>		Rev. Hyesung Lee
<b>LORD’S PRAYER</b>		
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> (Preschool to 5th Grade)		
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“Come to the Water”	BCUMC Choir
<b>OLD TESTAMENT READING</b>	Genesis 12:1-5a (NRSV)	Polly Gallagher

**OFFERING of PLEDGES & THANKSGIVING**

Prayer: Polly Gallagher

Offertory Music  
 \* Doxology #94 (UMH)

**TIME FOR COMMUNITY** From Zoom & Sanctuary

Rev. Hyesung Lee

Joys and Concerns  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Passing of the Peace

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Polly Gallagher

**MESSAGE**

"Following Jesus - Into the Unknown"

Rev. Hyesung Lee

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Hyesung Lee

**CLOSING HYMN**

"I Surrender All" (#354 UMH vs 1, 3 &amp; 4)

Together

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Hyesung Lee

**POSTLUDE WITH RECESSIONAL**

Rose Marie Forment



*"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."*

**Today & Upcoming Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Sun. Jan 1st	10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		Sunday School After Time with Young Disciples	Sunday School Rm
Tues. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Worship Committee	Fellowship Hall
Tues. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Finance	Fireside
Tues. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Trustees	Zoom
Wed. Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	SPRC	Fellowship Hall
Wed. Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Ad Council	Fireside Room

<b>Friday Email</b>	Weekly News	Deadline: Thurs at noon	Contact: Michelle admin@brentwoodumc.org
<b>D's and O's</b>	BCUMC Monthly Newsletter	Editor: Bob Clarke <a href="mailto:bbclarke@comcast.net">bbclarke@comcast.net</a> Deadline: 28 <sup>th</sup> of the month	Contact: Church office if you wish to receive a copy 925 634 3093
<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Contact Linda Barnhill 925 628 9018; <a href="mailto:lindalucy1103@outlook.com">lindalucy1103@outlook.com</a> with your prayer requests		

<b>Suggestion/ Feedback Box</b>	Let us know how we are doing. You can confidentially leave messages or requests in the box in the back of Sanctuary. Your input is important to us.	
<b>Online Offering</b>	If you would like to donate to BCUMC use the QR code or, you can go directly to our Vanco donation page at: <a href="http://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation">www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation</a>	

1. **BIBLE PRESENTATION ON JAN 14**

Children will receive Bibles on Sunday January 14. The Bible will be the CEB (Common English Bible) with friendly explanations and illustrations for the kids. If you want your kids to receive the Bible, please let the pastor know by Thursday Jan 11th.

1. **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE** (For 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Sun 1/21 Bowling Alley *Time will be determined*

Sun 1/28 Rock n Jump *Time will be determined*

\*\*Please RSVP by the Friday to Cheryl Breitenbucher (Youth Director)

at [cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net)

2. **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
**MY TAKE-AWAY**

**Lesson 5 – From Silence to Praise** Dec 31, 2024

Focal Passage: **Luke 1:67-80**

Purpose Statement: **To Discover how the Holy Spirit brings repentance and peace through us.**

In this passage of scripture, Luke recounts Zechariah’s hymn of praise to the Lord after his voice is restored to him at the naming of his son John. The naming of John showed Zechariah’s obedience and his readiness to respond in faith.

Not only are these verses a wonderful reminder of God’s promises to the chosen people and the path laid out for John the Baptist, but also a reminder to us of the grace and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Like Zechariah we too must be willing to acknowledge that living in the kingdom of God puts God in the driver’s seat rather than ourselves. It can be hard to relinquish our autonomy but great are the blessings of repentance and peace when we do.

*This take-away snippet is written by participants of the BCUMC’s Adult Bible Study class and is shared for the benefit of all members of the congregation. Today’s author: Polly Gallagher*

3. **DE-HANGING OF THE GREENS**

On Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> after the service, the Greens will be taken down. Everyone is invited to join the crew for this event.

4. **CHURCH LEADER TRAINING BY THE CONFERENCE**

On Saturday, Jan 20th 9am to 12:30pm (via zoom), there will be training session by conference leaders for pastor, Lay Leader, Treasurer, Trustee, Council/Board Chair, or on SPRC, Nominations or Finance Committees. For questions,

contact [zohrehs@calnevumc.org](mailto:zohrehs@calnevumc.org)

REGISTER here: <https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/2023ChurchLeadersTraining71>

Registration by Jan 15th 2024.

5. **3 WEEK SMALL GROUP**

**Book:** *HALF TRUTH* (by Adam Hamilton, Abingdon Press, 2016).

You may buy the book at Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com

**When:** 3 Thursdays, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 at 7 pm (via zoom)

**Facilitator:** Pastor Hyesung Lee

We will learn, explore, discuss why the following phrases are half-truths:

“Everything happens for a reason”

“God helps those who help themselves”

“God won’t give you more than you can handle”

“God said it, I believe it, that settles it”

“Love the sinner, Hate the sin”

**THOSE SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>Ministers</b>	All Who Follow Christ	<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Walton
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Hyesung Lee	<b>Usher(s)</b>	Gbenga Olayomi & Scott Baxter
<b>Choir Director</b>	Alivia Logan-Kumagai	<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Polly Gallagher	<b>Crucifer</b>	TBD
<b>Accompanist</b>	Rose Marie Forment	<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Dave Funk & Joe Niec
<b>Sunday School</b>		<b>Nursery</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>			
<b>Attendance from Previous Sunday: 58</b>			
	Adults: 44	Children/Youth: 3	Zoom: 11    YouTube: 0

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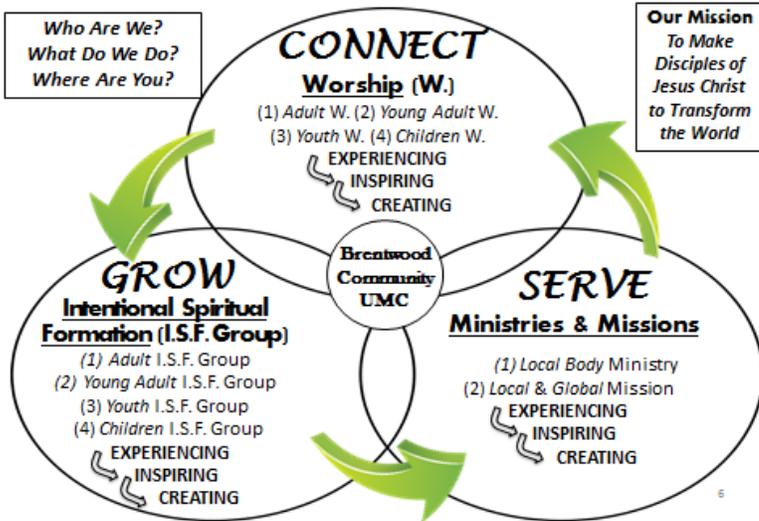
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**Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**  
**2024 MINISTRY TEAMS AND STRUCTURE**

**DISCIPLE MAKING JOURNEY in BCUMC**  
*(A Guided Movement Toward a Deeper Relationship with God)*



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 need to be approved for 2024 ]

**CONNECTING MINISTRY: WORSHIP SUPPORT**

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

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

**WORSHIP STEWARDS**

**Ushers:** Bob Clarke, Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter, [CiCi Kirchner], [Joyce Sorenson]  
**Greeter:** Linda Walton (coordinator), Michael Ann Honea, Dolores Huan, [CiCi Kirchner], [Marge Walton]  
**Altar Guild:** Barbara Pinkston      **Communion Stewards:** Barbara Pinkston, Linda Barnhill

**CREATIVE WORSHIP TEAM**

Pastor: Hyesung Lee, Lay Leader: David Funk  
 Audie/Video: Dennis Buckley

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| 2024 | Barbara Pinkston | Eileen Newill |
| 2025 | Linda Barnhill   |               |
| 2026 | [Larry Schaffer] |               |

**GROWING MINISTRY: INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION SUPPORT**

**YOUNG CHRISTIANS MINISTRY COMMITTEE:**

Chair: [Laura Webb] Lay Leader: David Funk  
 Youth Director: Cheryl Breitenbucher,

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| 2024 | Chris van Ruiten | John Moore | Marcie Lukacs |
| 2025 |                  |            |               |
| 2026 | [Laura Webb]     |            |               |

**ADULT SMALL GROUP TEAM:**

Heidi Stark (Lay Leader), Diego Garcia, [Gbenga Olayomi], [Joe Nied]

**MIDTOWN FAITH (20-59 yr):**

Alivia Logan (Leader), Jeanette Ruddick

**VOYAGERS (60+):**

Katie Moore (Leader), Eileen Newill, Barbara Pinkston, [Robin Vaughan]

**GARDEN MINISTRY:**

[CiCi Kirchner]

## 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  
Membership Secretary: Larry Schaffer Finance/Stewardship: Polly Gallagher  
Trustees: Eugene Davis Staff-Parish Relations: Fran Bowman  
Congregational Care Network: Linda Walton Reconciling Ministry: Jeanette Ruddick  
HOPE HOUSE Committee: David Funk Treasurer: Diego Garcia  
United Women in Faith: Jan Schults United Methodist Men: Gbenga Olayomi  
Young Christians Ministry: Laura Webb Music Committee: Jan Schults  
Communications: Bob Clarke Endowment & Memorial: Dennis Buckley

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Chair: Eugene Davis Vice-chair: Dennis Buckley Lay Leader: Heidi Stark  
2024 Melissa van Ruiten Nate Ekpemiro  
2025 Dennis Buckley Den Bowman Eugene Davis  
2026 Joe Niec

**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS** Chair: Fran Bowman Lay Leader: David Funk  
2024 Jerry Walton  
2025 Miranda Smith John Moore Edie Tidrick  
2026 Fran Bowman Robin Vaughan

**FINANCE-STEWARDSHIP** Chair: Polly Gallagher Treasurer: Diego Garcia  
Lay Leader: Heidi Stark Financial Secretary: Michelle Carrillo  
2024 Larry Schaffer  
2025 Scott Baxter  
2026 Polly Gallagher Karen Thomas

**NOMINATIONS & LAY DEVELOPMENT** Chair: Hyesung Lee Lay Leaders: David Funk & Heidi Stark  
2024 Katie Moore Bob Clarke Jerry Walton  
2025 Eileen Newill  
2026

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Membership Secretary: Larry Schaffer  
Friends in Faith Ministry: Linda Walton, Eileen Newill, Christine Nelson, Laura Webb

**CCN (Congregational Care Network)** Chair: Linda Walton Prayer Chain: Linda Barnhill  
Barbara Pinkston Michael Ann Honea Joy Kick  
Linda Barnhill Linda Walton Kathie Gulizia

**HOPE HOUSE COMMITTEE** Director: David Funk Co-Directors: Diego Garcia (Mon), Katie Moore (Wed)  
Members: Jacki Hughes, Larry Schaffer, Jerry Walton  
Thank Letter: Michael Ann Honea

**UNITED WOMEN in FAITH** President: Jan Schults **UNITED METHODIST MEN** President: Gbenga Olayomi

**ENDOWMENT & MEMORIALS** Chair: Dennis Buckley; Member: Linda Barnhill, Joyce Sorenson  
**Memorial Card:** Eileen Newill **Historians:** Polly Gallagher, Dennis Buckley  
**Memorial Dinners:** Michael Ann Honea (coordinator), Polly Gallagher, Robin Vaughan, Eileen Newill

**RECONCILING MINISTRY COMMITTEE:** Chair: Jeanette Ruddick Lay Leader: David Funk  
2024 Dennis Buckley Betty Gaughan  
2025 David Funk Sharon Morgan  
2026 Jeanette Ruddick

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Chair: Bob Clarke Lay Leader: Heidi Stark  
Cynthia Geddes, Dennis Buckley, Joe Niec, Rachael Green