

Deeds and Opportunities

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2024 JULY Worship Schedule

Hybrid Worship Service Both In-Person and Virtual!

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP	Scriptures / Themes	Worship Acts and More
7TH Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Psalm 48 2Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 2:1-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion ● Adult Bible Study: (Youth Room 9 am – 10 am) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● July All Church Potluck: after Worship Service
8TH Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: (Youth Room 9 am – 10 am) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)
9TH Sundy after Pentecost July 21, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Psalm 89 Ephesians 2:11-12 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Special Music: String Band ● Blessing of Backpacks: During Worship Service
10TH Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: Youth Room 9 am – 10 am ● Sunday School for Kids: after Time for Young Disciples ● Special Music: String Band



Ethel Badham passed away on June 25, 2024. She was two months shy from her 106th Birthday. She was a woman of love, faith and wisdom. We pray for the family. She will be greatly missed.

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Beloved Friends in Christ

Our Youth Director, Cheryle Breitenbucher, has resigned after three years of wonderful ministry for young people. We bless her and wish the best for her future ministries in whatever forms she will take in. She loved the kids, and she was loved by them, their parents and the congregation. Luckily, she is not leaving our church. She will continue to serve as our church member.

Thanks to Cheryle Breitenbucher, a leaving Youth Director



I ask you to pray for our Youth Ministry. This year, we didn't have many kids who showed up for Youth Gatherings. But I see and we are seeing that God is sending us more and more families with kids. This is a sign that God is calling us to step up and to do something about it. Please pray for this important ministry.

First of all, pray for a new Youth Director who would lovingly guide our kids to the presence of God and teachings of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

Secondly, pray for youths that they open their hearts to God and find yearnings to follow Jesus more sincerely.

Thirdly, pray for our congregation that we pray and work together for this important Youth Ministry to grow and make fruits in the lives of young people.

May God bless us with some burning hearts for Christ's life-giving ministries!

"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

We believe love in action can change the world



Our program focus this year is "Food, Faith and Fellowship". We did not meet in June, but we will meet in July, and in preparation for our July meeting, we have a little "homework". From Acts 2:42 (NRSV) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* We are asked to be present and aware as we gather with our family or friends at a table. Think about the following:

What is the feeling around the table?

Is there joy in celebration?

Is there comfort in being vulnerable with one another?

Is there bridge-building or barrier-breaking happening as you get to know new people around the table?

Is there a sense of the Divine's presence at the table?

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, July 15th 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.



JULY CHURCH POTLUCK

When: July 7th after Sunday Worship

Who: Everyone is invited to bring a dish. You are welcome even if you can't bring a dish.

Coordinator:

Robin Vaughan (650-619-6387;
barkley939@aol.com)

CLAYTON PRIDE PARADE



Our Reconciling Ministry team participated in **Clayton Pride Parade** from 10 am to 1 pm Sunday June 2nd in downtown Clayton. Around ten BCUMC members represented us and worked to establish more networks with other LGBTQIA+ friends, allies and organizations.

They met someone who was looking for a Reconciling Congregation in Brentwood. We are so grateful for strong leadership of co-chairs, Jeanette Ruddick and Melisa van Ruiten.

Property improvements



The replacement handrail for the education wing stair rail from the fellowship hall now has LED lighting installed to improve safety while using the staircase. The treads and platform are easily seen during use.

Thanks to Dennis Buckley & Dave Funk for the new installation!



This is the John McGee building owned by the church and is leased to Love for Learning Preschool with a new parking lot



The Director of Love for Learning spent the past 3 years applying for a city of Brentwood Grant to improve the parking lot for our building.

Great News! Due to his perseverance, we were awarded funds from the city to replace the grass & gravel parking lot with new asphalt and replace the broken concrete apron for the entrance to the lot.

Here are some progress photos. The final step will be striping the parking spaces.

Now the parents and children will not be required to enter via a muddy lot when the rains begin!



TEACHERS APPRECIATION SUNDAY (6.21.2024)



**Children Sunday
School Teachers:** Laura
Webb, Christ van
Ruiten, Polly Gallagher,
and Jeanette Ruddick
(a separate picture)

Adult Small Group Teachers:
Diego Garcia, David Funk, with some
words in honor of Tony Webb.

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE POTLUCK & TALENT SHOW Sunday, August 25, 5-7:30pm

Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 25 from 5-7:30pm for a potluck and talent show. We know we have lots of talented folks at BCUMC! This was a fun event last year, and we'd love to have more participants this year; so, start thinking about a talent you would like to share (tell jokes, dance, sing, play an instrument, etc...). Maybe you have a hidden talent you'd like to share – we can't wait to see what you have to offer. If you don't have a talent to share, plan to attend and cheer from the audience. A sign-up sheet will be available in August. Questions, please contact Pastor Lee or Lay Leaders, Dave Funk or Heidi Stark.

Alfred Narayan built a nice, sturdy wooden shelf in the church attic to help organize all the stuff. Here as you can see. Alfred worked in the attic for many days, sometimes with his grown children or with the help of some men from the church. This shelf will make our cluttered attic look cleaner and more organized. **THANK YOU, ALFRED, FOR YOUR GIFT OF TALENT, TIME AND TREASURE!** You are so helpful and generous!



What's in it for ME? - Part 2

—by Karen Thomas, Finance Committee member

A couple months ago, I wrote about how, when we give our time, talents and treasure toward the benefit of others, we find that we, ourselves, directly benefit through happiness and health improvements. Now, those sound like pretty good reasons to continue to be generous, but that's not all... I'm not trying to be greedy here, but really, there are MORE ways in which we find our cup is filled when we give our time, talents and treasure AWAY. Here are two more:

1. **When you give, you're more likely to be the recipient of someone else's generosity.** According to UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center, "**giving promotes cooperation and social connection.**" It builds a sense of community in which there is a positive connection between community members and reciprocal generosity.
2. **Gratitude.** Giving can be an expression of gratitude and it can evoke feelings of gratitude in both the giver as well as the receiver. Studies show that gratitude is a key ingredient in happiness, health and social bonds. Cultivating a practice of expressing gratitude for one's blessings in life has been shown, in some studies, to lead to exercising more, becoming more optimistic and feeling better about life.

Does all of this sounds good to you? When I reflect on this information and come to understand that God *designed* us in this way, I am in awe of God's wisdom and glory. How beautiful, how majestic, God! You made us so that, by helping others, we also help ourselves.

So, the next time you are in a position to give of your time, talents and treasure, how will you respond? I suggest that you give confidently, knowing that your cup will not be depleted, but filled to overflowing in ways that you have not yet imagined!

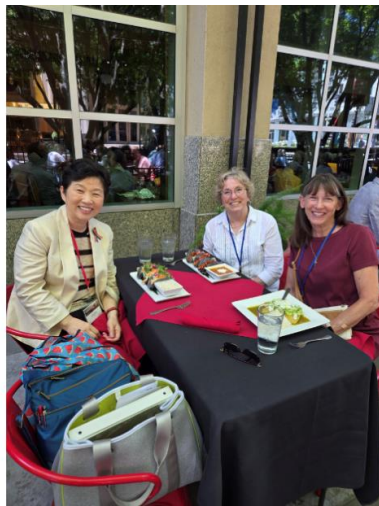
Resource: https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/5_ways_giving_is_good_for_you



SAVE THE DATE Sundae Sunday, August 18

Mark your calendars! United Women in Faith will host Sundae Sunday after worship on August 18th. Plan to join us for ice cream and fellowship.

176th California-Nevada Annual Conference



Held from June 7 to June 10 at Safe Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento. Our two Lay Delegates, Polly Gallagher and Fran Bowman represented our church very well. We had a meal together, sang so many inspiring songs and worshiped together throughout the weekend. We also appreciated the spirit of diversity and celebrated who we are and what we have done throughout the year. They reported their Annual Conference experiences and other news on June 23, 2024.



Greetings, men of BCUMC! The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on **Saturday, July 6th**, at 8:00 a.m. Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30. Come on by and have a good breakfast and spend a little post-4th of July time with your fellow Methodist men. We'll have lively conversations, and Chaplain Dave, as always, will give us some spiritual thoughts to ponder.

Breakfast discussion topics include:

- * All-Church BBQ reflection
- * Activity ideas
- * Discipleship

The cost for breakfast is only \$5. Bring a friend or neighbor, and their breakfast is free! Hope to see you there!

Thanks, Joe, Diego, Larry, Dave, and Scott



BLESSING of the BACKPACKS



The Worship Committee will be collecting school supply items for back packs for Hope House from June 1 to July 14. On July 21 they will be blessed during the service.

We are also asking our own school children to bring their back packs to church and have them blessed on that day.

Some suggested items: backpacks, pens, #2 pencils, notebooks, glue, crayons, markers, pencil case, erasers.

Thank you for being a part of this new event.

Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark



I am sure most of you are familiar with the saying that life is what happens when you're busy making other plans. This has definitely been true for me and my family this year. There have been personal and professional ups and downs that most certainly are not following the plans we had scripted. Most recently, my youngest child, Jenna and her husband, Jacob welcomed their first baby and my fourth grandchild – a beautiful baby girl, Campbell Kate; she arrived on June 15th, and while this was a joyous occasion, Campbell's birth unfolded in ways we were not expecting. She was due on July 10th but arrived four weeks early. At 35 weeks, Jenna and Jake received the news that Campbell was breech and would need to be delivered via c-section – not the birth plan they had envisioned. The c-section was set for July 3rd. What came next was even more unexpected. At Jenna's 36-week checkup, she was surprised to learn that her blood

pressure was quite high and that the swelling and several other symptoms she was experiencing were signs of preeclampsia. Delivery was pushed up to June 19th, and Jenna was sent home to rest and monitor her blood pressure. Jenna and Jake put the finishing touches on the nursery and wrapped their heads around that idea that they would be parents in just a few days. Again, life took a turn and Jenna's blood pressure spiked and she was admitted to the hospital on June 14th and delivery became a more urgent matter. Cami was delivered at 2:58am on Saturday, June 15th – 6 lb. 12 oz. and 19 3/4" of precious baby!

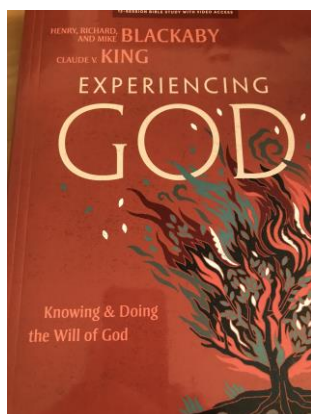
Following her birth Jenna and Jake were informed that Campbell had double hip dysplasia. Within the first six hours of her life, she was put in a full body harness to hold her hips in place, and Jenna and Jake were told to expect many orthopedic appointments, physical therapy, and possibly surgery. Quite overwhelming for brand



new parents who feared what this could mean for Cami's development and future. Add to that the normal challenges of life with a newborn, recovering from a c-section, and lingering preeclampsia symptoms which landed Jenna in the ER when Cami was just 8 days old. None of this was what was expected, but that's life, and plans can be changed in an instant. What matters is our attitude and our perspective. Jenna and Jake believe that God chose them to be Campbell's parents to help her grow and thrive. They are surrounded by people who love them and are praying for them. With faith we can continue to believe in and hope for positive outcomes, and we can do this even when the outcome isn't clearly visible. Living in fear leads to negative expectations. Consider, that when things aren't going the way you want - maybe they are going exactly the way God planned. What do you choose – faith or fear?

The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established. – Proverbs 19:21

"Faith and fear both demand you believe in something you cannot see. You choose!" - Bob Proctor



BCUMC ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Experiencing God

For the summer quarter, beginning on July 7th, 9 am. to 10 am. In the Youth Theatre Room

A Study of Knowing and Doing the Will of God! Facilitated by Diego Garcia

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), **Family of Ethel Badham**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty and Jack Gaughan**, **Bella** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Ginger** (Cynthia Geddes's friend), **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Denise** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Echo Paden** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Bill Vaughn** (Robin's husband), **Lee Rogers** (Laura Webb's brother-in-law), **Joe Kick**, **Joe Niec**, **Will Ruddick and Family**, **Mother of Rick Dunn**, **Dan Badger** (Dave Funk's friend), **Donna Baker**, **Ron** (Joe and Joy Kick's friend), **Jerry Sorenson** (Joyce Sorenson's son), **Joyce Sorenson**, **Carol Clarke** (Bob Clarke's mother), **Scott Walton** (Linda and Jerry's son), **Jenna and Campbell** (Heidi Stark's daughter and baby granddaughter), **Barbara Pinkston**, and **Jim Roberts**.

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

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 California-Nevada Annual Conference, go to <https://www.cnumc.org/>

For Los Rios District, go to <https://losrios.cnumc.org/>

For **2024 Annual Conference**, go to <https://www.cnumc.org/eventdetail/18235978?month=6&year=2024&day=1&display=m>

For more information about UMC, go to ResourceUMC here <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/connection-makes-the-umc-work>



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ADULT SMALL GROUP SURVEY

Everyone is invited to fill out the Survey in the month of July!

Please put it into the **offering plate** or give it to **Joe Niec** or **Heidi Stark**

Your Pastor and Lay Leaders are looking for ways to foster spiritual growth and build strong relationships within our community. We want to encourage everyone to attend at least one small group over the next year. To help facilitate this, we ask that you participate in the following survey about your interest in participating in small groups.

What type of small group are you most interested in? (check all that apply)

- Bible Study
- Women's Group
- Men's Group
- Activity/Fellowship Group (i.e., hiking movie, dinner group, etc....)
- Current Event Study Group (i.e., applying faith perspective to current topics)
- Seasonal Book Study (i.e., lent, advent)
- Prayer and/or Meditation
- Other

Preferred frequency of meeting:

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quart
- Other

What needs or limitations do you have that could impact your participation?

Preferred time of meeting:

- Morning
- Evening
- Sunday after Church

Are you interested in leading a small group with training?

- Yes
- No

Style of meeting:

- In Person
- Online

What is your age range?

- 20-35
- 36-50
- 51-65
- 66-80
- 80+

Are you currently part of a small group:

- Yes
- No



July

3 Joy Kick
5 Mgbechi Oji
6 Sean Clarke
6 Carrie Mosher
10 Pamela Ruskin
13 Miranda Smith
15 Alex Dunn
16 Paul Slay
17 Tristan Mendoza
18 Randy Fortner
18 Emma Smith
20 Shirley Gray
22 JoAnn Funk
22 Bonnie Larrabee
22 Ashley Porter
22 Esmeralda Gonzalez (Kennedy)
22 Emerson Kennedy
24 Fran Bowman
24 Julie Clarke
27 Steven Smith
30 Joyce Sorenson
31 Vince Gallagher



July

1. Anthony Basica and Carrie Mosher
8. Jeanette and Robert Ruddick
18. Linda and Jerry Walton
26. Jan and Jeff Schults
25. Alivia Logan-Kumagai and Jeff Kumagai
27. Heidi and Jere Retzer

FREEDOM IN GOD

Oh, the twists and turns
Of daily life
Sometimes joyful
Sometimes strife
Sometimes bountiful
Sometimes lack
Oh, to have the wind
At your back
Letting go and
Letting God
Following the way
That Jesus trod

Freedom's song
Freedom delight
Strong hands of God
That hold us well
Freedom in God
All day and night!

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July 2024 Facility Use Calendar

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	Hope House 9-12pm Ghostlight Theater 6-9:30pm FH	Ghostlight Theater 6-9:30pm FH Young Christians 7pm Y.R	Hope House 9-12pm Wed Prayer Mtg 4pm S ACA 5:30pm Quiet Rm Trustees 7pm AI Anon 7-8:15pm	NA 7:30-8:45pm	String Band 10:30am AA 6:45-7:45pm AI Anon 8-9:30pm	UMM Breakfast 8-9:30am
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Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am	Hope House 9-12pm	HH Produce Truck 4pm DIG 7-9:30pm Q.R.	Hope House 9-12pm Wed Prayer Mtg 4pm S SPRC 4:30pm FS Rm ACA 5:30pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7-8:15pm Ad Council 7-8:30pm	NA 7:30-8:45pm	String Band 10:30am Voyagers 6pm AA 6:45-7:45pm AI Anon 8-9:30pm	
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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 Joe: 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 Minerva G. Carcaño

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. David Niu

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Administrative Assistant: Joe Niec

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

