

Deeds and Opportunities

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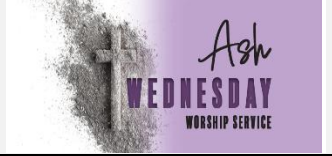
2025 MARCH Worship Schedule

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
Transfiguration Sunday Mar 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Youth Family Gathering – 12 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Ash Wednesday Mar 5, 2025 7:00 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Imposition of Ashes ● Message: Jesus' Last Words - Called for Ashes ..." ● Special Music: Joe Kick
1st Sunday in Lent Mar 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.	JESUS LAST WORDS (2) "Today you will be with me in Paradise"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Baptism: Audrey and Cole Kelly – children of Noelle Ochinang, grandchildren of Samuel & Nimfa Ochinang
2nd Sunday In Lent Mar 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.	JESUS LAST WORDS (3) "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)
3rd Sunday in Lent Mar 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.	JESUS LAST WORDS (4) "Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after Time for Young Disciples)
4th Sunday in Lent Mar 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.	JESUS LAST WORDS (5) "I am thirsty"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after Time for Young Disciples) ● String Band: Introit and Anthem

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 **Reconciling Ministries Network**, go to <https://rmnetwork.org/>

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

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

For Western Jurisdiction, go to <https://westernjurisdictionumc.org/>

For more information about UMC, go to ResourceUMC here

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/connection-makes-the-umc-work>

For recent UM news, go to umnews.org here

<https://www.umnews.org/en/>



† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Ones of the Family of God

It is with deep sadness that I share the news of Dolores Hauan's passing. Dolores Hauan, a cherished member of BCUMC, peacefully entered her Heavenly Home on February 22, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. We grieve her loss deeply, as she was a beacon of kindness, warmth, and unwavering care for us all. In her final days, she longed for rest, which our Heavenly Father graciously granted. We will miss her always!

When I first arrived in Brentwood eleven years ago, my predecessor spoke of Dolores with great admiration: 'If you need anything for the church, go to Dolores Hauan. She's a remarkable leader.' That very first Sunday, I experienced her warmth firsthand. She welcomed me with a heartfelt hug, instantly making me feel like a part of the BCUMC family.

Dolores was known as a 'go-to person,' always ready to lend a helping hand. She was the 'epitome of a disciple,' embodying the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. She was a 'spiritual mom,' a 'forever teacher,' and a 'gentle loving one,' offering guidance and comfort to all who sought it. In times of trouble, she was the one we called. She was a role model, a source of strength, and inspiration.



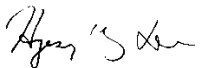
There will be a **Celebration of Life Service for Dolores Hauan** as below:

Friday March 21, at 11 am
Brentwood Community United Methodist Church
(809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA 94513)

Details will be given to us as the plan is made by the family.

May God bless her and comfort her family and all of us as we grieve for our loss!

"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



The theme for the 2025 United Women in Faith program is Carrying Our Faith Forward. We will be exploring how we carry faith forward from generation to generation. Come hear the messages and share your story.

At our February meeting, a few women gathered in the Fellowship Hall making plans for the year and sharing ideas on how to love and support one another. We typically meet on the third Monday of each month, but that will be St.

Patrick's Day; so, we will meet on Wednesday, March 19 at Jan Schults' home. We will be using our new UWF resource book to continue to explore our faith.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19th at 7pm at Jan's home (1595 Dawnview Drive, Brentwood). 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.



Men of BCUMC! The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on [March 1st](#) at 8:00 a.m. Have a good breakfast and enjoy some time in fellowship. Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30.

Discussion topics will include Bean Feed logistics and events & activities for 2025. Chaplain Dave, as always, will give us some spiritual thoughts to ponder as we continue our Christian journey.

The cost for breakfast is \$5.00. Bring a friend, and his breakfast is free!

Hope to see you there!

YOUTH FAMILIES GATHERING

WHEN: March 2nd Sunday at noon

WHO: Families with students from 6th-12th gr.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall with pizza

WHAT: Plan details of a collaboration with Antioch United Methodist's youth group. We want to ensure our teenagers have a safe space for themselves in the church.

RSVP by 2/25 to Jeanette Ruddick (925-963-2543)



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), **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Leonor and Jim Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty Gaughan**, **Bella** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Denise** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Echo Paden** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Lee Rogers** (Laura Webb's brother-in-law), **Joe Niec**, **Mother of Rick Dunn**, **Danny Carpenter** (Edie Tidrick's nephew), **Lyric Jones** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Nathan** (Steve Smith's brother), **Robin Thompson** (JoAnn Funk's friend), **Hisako Suzuki**, **Steven Clarke** (Bob Clarke's son), **Blake Kurz**, **June Lee** (Pastor's daughter), **JoAnn Funk**, **Jake** (Barbara Pinkston's grandson), **Norah Rodgers** (Laura Webb's sister) and **Cynthia Geddes**.

2025 LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LENT	Ash Wednesday	March 5 (Wed)	Worship Service 7:00 pm
	Palm Sunday	April 13 (Sun)	Sunday Worship 10:30 am
	Good Friday	April 18 (Fri)	Worship Service 7:00 pm
	Easter	April 20 (Sun)	Sunrise Service 6:30 am
			Easter Breakfast 7:00 am
			Morning Service 10:30 am
			Egg Hunt for Kids During Fellowship Hour

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

**Communication from Laura Webb – Youth Ministry Director
RE: Children’s Sunday School**

I enjoy so much the time I spend with our children at Sunday School! They are eager to learn more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. As we talk and share together, they are musing about the lives of the Bible characters, their circumstances and their choices. They ask funny and deep questions about the meaning of things. Seeing their faces light up with understanding is the greatest joy.

We have one class that includes late 3 yr. olds to 11-year-old students. Attendance currently ranges from 3-10 students. There are 4 teachers who rotate through the month. Curriculum is provided.

I invite you to join in this experience as our Sunday School classes become larger. To strengthen our Sunday School, I need:

1-2 additional adults to teach 5th Sundays and Substitute. Curriculum is provided

4-5 high schoolers or adults to assist the teacher once monthly. Tasks would include taking attendance, assisting with crafts and activities, and accompanying students who need to leave the classroom.

2025 Lent Study: Disciples of Christ in Community



Facilitator: Rev. Hugh Stevenson
When: Sunday 9:00 am to 10:00 am (3/9 – 4/13)
Where: Youth Room

Lent 1 (3/9)	Temptation	Luke 4:1-11
Lent 2 (3/16)	Widow of Nain’s son healed	Luke 7:11-17
Lent 3 (3/23)	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
Lent 4 (3/30)	Parable of Prodigal Son	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Lent 5 (4/6)	Woman anointed his feet	John 12:1-6
Lent 6 (4/13)	Palm Sunday	Luke 19:28-40

- Everyone is invited
- No textbook is needed except the Bible. It would be good if we all bring our own copies of the Bible, although copies of the texts will be handed out at each session.
- We will read a passage of scripture and answer various questions about it. We will explore how they resonate with us

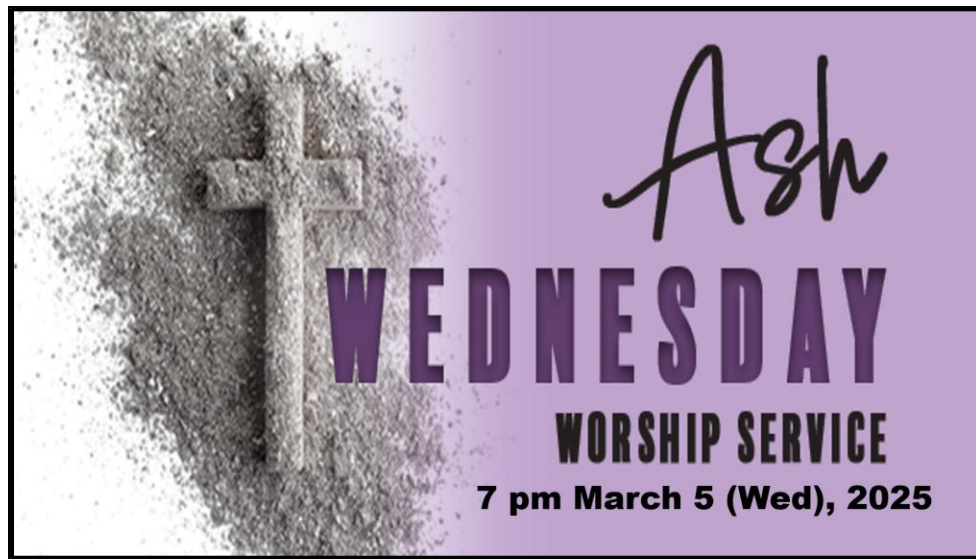
Looking for Sign-ups



Did you know that you can help our church by signing up for fellowship hour? You would provide a variety of goodies and help set up and clean up the hall. If you have a special person you want to honor or an important date to celebrate, you can celebrate with your church family. A sign-up is on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

Another opportunity would be to share altar flowers for the service. Bring a flower arrangement before church starts and then after the service you can take the flowers home to enjoy. This is a great way to commemorate a special person or event.

Please Sign up on the bulletin board!



Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark

I've been thinking a lot about change and just how difficult it is. Some changes are forced on us unwelcomed and uninvited - the passing of a loved one, the end of a relationship, a health diagnose, a job loss, etc... Those types of changes can feel overwhelming and difficult to accept; we aren't always sure how we can go on or what we will do. For me, in those types of trying times, I must rely on my faith and ask God to get me through one moment at a time. It's not easy! Having faith doesn't mean everything is good all the time, but it does mean that you never walk alone.

Sometimes we are resistant to change because we've always done it like this. Why would we change? There are certainly times where if it isn't broken, don't fix it applies. But maybe we're missing out on a new opportunity or experience because we want to hold onto what we know. At the end of Pastor's sermon on February 2nd, she asked if any of us have ever misused something good like rules or traditions to create barriers. She asked us how we can be more open to God's inclusive love. I think it's very possible to create barriers even without meaning to especially when we can point to a rule or tradition to justify why we do what we do. It's hard to find a balance between old ways and new.

Change is hard! Long ago I heard that it takes 21 days to change a habit, but recent research shows that it takes more than two months – more like 66 days before a new behavior becomes automatic. Of course, a lot depends on what you are trying to change, your circumstances, and who you are. Lent is an opportunity to make a change. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th; it is the 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is about change – change of heart – change of attitude. We are called to open ourselves to God during Lent to examine our relationship with Him. We are asked to repent and turn to God. Lent is a good time to reflect on the values and priorities in our lives. Many people give something up – make a sacrifice during the 40 days of Lent; another option is to take on a spiritual discipline to draw nearer to God. Those 40 days of Lent are an opportunity to change a behavior and build your relationship with God.

I hope you'll join me on this Lenten journey and take on the challenge of making a change that will draw you nearer to God and God's love for all.

"If God sends us on stony paths, he provides us with strong shoes." - Corrie Ten Boom

March 9th 2025



The Annual Bean Feed is coming!

☆☆☆ 40th Anniversary! ☆☆☆

Thank you for four decades of support!

Saturday March 22nd, 2025; from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The **United Methodist Men (UMM)** of the Brentwood Community United Methodist Church will be sponsoring this year's Bean Feed at the date and time indicated above. We will be holding the event in the drive-thru style, same as last year: UMM will cater a delicious meal directly to your car as you drive by the side entrance of the church on the Midway alley. Please come in from the HOPE House (Pine Street) side of the alley.

All you must do is drive up to the side entrance door of the church, hand us your ticket, and we will deliver a plated, wrapped, and delicious **tri-tip or mac & cheese casserole meal with potato salad, beans, dinner roll, carrot cake, and a bottle of water**—all the makings for an easy and delicious Sunday night dinner! We also will have a delivery service for shut ins.

The proceeds from the Bean Feed go to the UMM scholarship fund. This worthwhile event has been an annual tradition of the Brentwood Community United Methodist Church for 40 years now! UMM has always had the goal of providing scholarships to young adults, and in some cases older adults, in support of their academic journeys.

We are asking for a **minimum \$20.00 donation** per plate.

Please see one of the men of the UMM for a ticket—the men are available at BCUMC on Sunday mornings, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or give one of them a call!

Thanks so much for your support!

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE Potluck & Game Night

The Sunday Night Live potluck and game night on Sunday, February 23rd was a great success! About 20 adults and children attended. Some new friends brought tasty Filipino dishes to share, and Joe's "Pozole" was a hit. We celebrated Cici's 80th birthday with three delicious pies, and the Ruddick family brought a cake. After dinner everyone enjoyed playing a variety of games at five different tables. It was a fun family event!

Watch for information on our next Sunday Night Live event in April. Please contact Pastor Lee or Lay Leaders, Dave Funk or Heidi Stark with questions or suggestions.



SPRC News Greg Pacquer



We are featuring one of our amazing accompanists, Greg Pacquer. Greg started playing the piano when he was 8, growing up in a small town in Illinois. He was in 2nd or 3rd grade in parochial school affiliated with St. Anthony's Catholic School and he loved listening to one of the nuns play organ at church every Sunday. Her name was Sister Mary Grace (pictured with Greg), and she was a very accomplished organist. Greg would stay afterwards and listen to her play all the famous French composers. Sister Mary Grace was also a music teacher and gave private lessons in the convent, which was located across the street from where he lived. His parents noticed that he was interested in music and arranged piano lessons with her. Each lesson only costs \$1.00! After having 6 years of piano lessons, Sister Mary Grace offered to give Greg lessons on the "Wicks" pipe organ in church. She only gave one year of lessons on the organ; so, he learned only the basics. Greg started to play for church services and the choir when he was about 15 and the rest is history. Greg's favorite type of music to play is classical, especially Mozart. Greg and Mike have often attended the Cliburn International Piano Competition in Texas.

Greg started playing at BCUMC in 2004 and has been playing for our congregation for the past 21 years. He has worked with 4 different choir directors and 3 pastors. I asked Greg why he enjoys playing at our church and he said, "I'd like to think that my music helps people feel more connected to God...and there's nothing more satisfying when I sense it in their singing. I love it when someone tells me they enjoy my music, whether on the piano or the organ. BCUMC is my family, and they are always so appreciative of my music."

Greg loves to travel and take ocean cruises. Greg and Mike have traveled all over the world these past 42 years that they have been together. He also loves going to the theater (Broadway musicals/plays and attending music events of all types).

We are so lucky that Greg still plays for us part time. His passion for music comes through his beautiful playing. His strong hands exude confidence and joy. Being an accompanist takes a special skill to be able to work with a choir. Greg, we appreciate your gifts, and we thank you for sharing them with the congregation.
Cheryl

Our Church is featured on NBC Bay Area News

I'm excited to share with you that Brentwood Community UMC was briefly featured on NBC News on February 20, 2025! The segment showcased our church's rainbow flag flying proudly outside, facing City Hall. You can clearly see our church and the flag in the middle of the video.

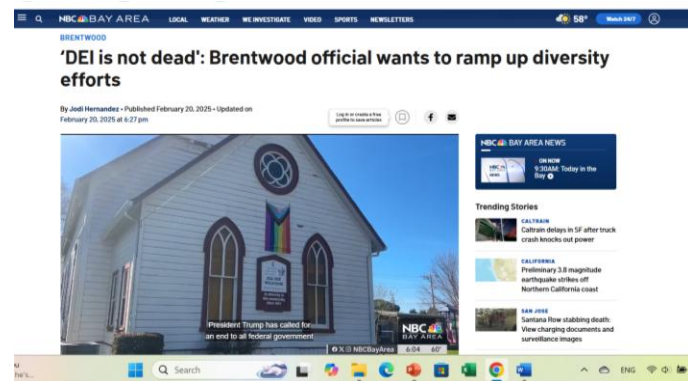
You can see the video here:

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/brentwood-dei-trump-order/3798545>

The news segment focused on "Brentwood Vice Mayor Patanisha Davis Pierson doubling down and pushing for more diversity programs in the wake of backlash received during a livestream of a recent city meeting. Pierson, who heads up the city's Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Inclusion committee, threw her support behind Brentwood adding a Pride Parade and Disabled Pride Month. 'There were comments against the disabled, comments against people of color,' Pierson said of the backlash displayed during a city livestream. Commenters also called for Pierson to be fired. The events unfolding in Brentwood comes as President Donald Trump has called for an end to all federal government DEI programs. The president has urged states, companies and schools to do the same."

"To the president of the United States, DEI in the state of California is not dead. We embrace it," Pierson said. "We're fighting for it. We're going to continue to fight the good fight."

Our prayers are for more loving, more welcoming and more reconciling community for all peoples and nations in the world! From Pastor Hyesung Lee





March

- 2 Ogechi Ekpemiro
- 7 Alfred Narayan
- 9 Janet Clarke
- 10 Barbara Pinkston
- 11 Jean Yamaguchi
- 12 Rick Dunn
- 15 Marjorie Walton
- 16 Rene' McCarter
- 19 Linda Walton
- 24 Nate Clarke
- 24 Jenny Green
- 25 Elise Tran
- 25 Chu Ekpemiro



March

- 8. Cynthia and Jeff Geddes
- 18. Lisa and Paul Slay

DAYS OF LENT

I welcome the Lenten journey
A time of reflection and release
Letting go of old habits and
ideas
That no longer serve me
Centering more in God's peace.

I take time to slow down
Even a little, less listening to
The inner chatter of
What's the matter?

I breathe and remember

To stay humble

Before God

Listening to the

Still small voice

That calms my heart

And guides my way

As I treasure

My sacred journey

To Easter day!

© Joe Kick - 2025

March 17th, 2025





2025 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 UMM Breakfast 8am
2 Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am Youth Family Gathering 12pm	3 H.O.P.E. House Ministry 9am	4 Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old Empowerment Program Youth 5:30 17-20 yrs old BCC 7pm Dig Board Meeting 7pm	5 Hope House 9am-12pm ACA 5:30pm Al-Anon 7pm ASH WEDNESDAY	6 Trilogy Singers 4:15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7pm	7 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	8
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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 Michelle: 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 Sandra Olewine

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Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

