

Deeds and Opportunities

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2025 APRIL 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
5th Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 10:30 a.m.	JESUS LAST WORDS (5 & 6) "I am thirsty" It is finished"	<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)
PALM SUNDAY April 13, 2025 10:30 a.m.	JESUS LAST WORDS (7) "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"	<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) ● Worship Music: String Band
GOOD FRIDAY April 18, 2025 7:00 a.m.	<p>The Tenebrae service, meaning "shadows" in Latin, is a solemn Christian observance held during Holy Week, particularly on Good Friday. It's a service of increasing darkness, where candles are gradually extinguished as scripture readings and reflections recount the events of Jesus's final days and crucifixion. This gradual dimming symbolizes the fading light of Christ's presence, culminating in a moment of profound darkness and often a loud, symbolic noise, followed by silent departure. The service aims to create a deeply reflective atmosphere, allowing worshippers to contemplate the somber significance of Good Friday.</p>	
EASTER Sunday April 20, 2025 Sunrise 6:30 a.m. Morning Service 10:30 a.m.	 John 20:1-8 "He is Risen"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Easter Breakfast (free; donated by Men's Group) 7am to 10 am ● Easter Egg Hunt: after service in the lawn
2 nd Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025 10:30 a.m.	Acts 5:27-32 Ps 150 John 20:19-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after Time for Young Disciples)

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 Beloved Family of God,

On April 5th, 1885, a Methodist pastor, Henry Appenzeller, arrived in Korea as a missionary. It was a glorious Easter morning! He was accompanied by his wife, Ella, and a Presbyterian missionary couple.

At the time of Reverend Appenzeller's arrival, Korea was shrouded in deep darkness. The nation was impoverished, the political landscape was fractured, and powerful neighboring countries were constantly vying for control. The people were suffering from hunger, and countless orphans roamed the streets. Upon arriving on Easter day, Reverend Appenzeller uttered this prayer for Korea: "May He who on that day burst asunder the bars of death, break the bands that bind this people, and bring them to the light and liberty of God's children."



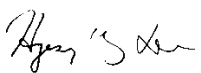
Reverend Appenzeller established the Pai Chai School, and its graduates went on to become national leaders who brought hope to the people during the Japanese occupation and the post-war era. The school instilled biblical teachings and Christian principles, cultivating a vision of God's kingdom and guiding the nation's path forward. Reverend Appenzeller dedicated himself to translating the Bible into Korean, establishing numerous churches throughout the country, and training teachers to spread the scriptures. His life was tragically cut short at the young age of 44. While sailing to attend a Bible translation meeting, his ship encountered a storm and capsized. He selflessly gave his life while trying to save a young Korean woman who could not swim, succumbing to exhaustion before he could reach safety. I deeply love and respect Reverend Appenzeller, who, like Jesus, dedicated his life to saving others.

As I reflect on this year's Easter, I find myself particularly remembering Reverend Appenzeller because the world seems to be growing darker, our nation is increasingly divided, people are wandering despite having maps, they are doubting even with compasses, and they are drifting further and further from God.

In the midst of darkness, it is light that provides direction. Jesus saw the darkness. He knew the stench of death and suffering, and His entire being was broken by its force. Yet, as the Apostle John said, darkness cannot overcome light. No matter how small the light, darkness cannot extinguish its presence.

This Easter, let us strive to illuminate the world with small acts of light, just as Jesus and Reverend Appenzeller did. Let us contribute to helping the poor, and through kind words and helpful deeds, let us brighten the corners of our world.

"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 an intergenerational conversation about what it looks like to carry our faith forward in an expanding or new context. Water is used as a theme - the path of water, our faith stories reflect a punch and a pull, peaks and waterfalls, stagnant ponds and storms. It is for us to recall what faith means to us - to define our faith and to remember who conveyed faith to us.

Our March meeting was held at the home of Jan Schults. The women who gathered explored the idea of "Water as Reflective". We discussed how our faith identities were formed. Who inspired us, what scriptures speak to us, what songs move us, what experiences and rituals of faith have been significant for us. The discussion was great, and we decided to carry it over to our next meeting to hear more faith stories.

Our April meeting will be held at the home of Cheryl Breitenbucher on Monday, April 21. We'll be exploring the idea of "Water as a Stagnant Pond". Come enjoy the hospitality, hear the messages, and share your story.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, April 21st at 7pm at Cheryl's home (728 Crocket 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.



Greetings, men of the UMM! The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on [April 5th](#) at 8:00 a.m.: come spend a nice morning with your fellow Methodist men, have a good breakfast, and enjoy some time in fellowship. Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30.

At breakfast, we will look back on the very successful 40th Anniversary Bean Feed; and Chaplain Dave, as always, will give us some spiritual thoughts to ponder as we journey through the Lenten season.

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



Hope to see you there!

~Joe, Diego, Larry, Dave, and Scott

EASTER EGG HUNT



**Candy & Eggs
Donations
Needed**

**By Apr 13
Coordinator: Cici**

A New Appointment of Pastor Lee's Husband

Reverend Sungho Lee, husband of Pastor Hyesung Lee, will begin a new appointment on July 1, 2025. He will serve a two-point charge at Byron and Antioch United Methodist Churches, transitioning from his current ministry at Central UMC (Stockton). The announcement was made on Sunday, March 9th, at all three churches. Reverend Lee and the congregations of Byron and Antioch UMC anticipate fruitful ministry and collaboration. He is also asked to supervise Pittsburgh UMC as a circuit leader.

Pastor Hyesung and Sungho will continue to reside at the parsonage of BCUMC. Please pray for our pastor's family as they experience another transition of ministerial setting as a clergy couple!



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**, **Family of Fran Hassler**, **Leonor and Jim Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty Gaughan**, **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Denise** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Echo Paden** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Joe Niec**, **Rick Dunn's mother**, **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**, **Blake Kurz**, **June Lee** (Pastor's daughter), **JoAnn Funk**, **Jake** (Barbara Pinkston's grandson), **Norah Rodgers** (Laura Webb's sister), **Nancy Schaffer** (Larry's wife), **Great-Granddaughter of Joyce Sorenson**, **Beverly Hendrix**, **Mike Martin** (Linda Barnhill's friend), **Christopher** (Jan Schults' nephew), **Robert** (Fran Bowman's brother-in-law) and the **Aunt of Cynthia Geddes**.



Spring Garden Sing-Along & Potluck Party

Date: Saturday, April 12

Time: 5-6:30 pm

Location: Community Peace Garden



Bring a dish to share and enjoy:

*** String Band will lead a sing-along**

*** Fun & fellowship**

Contact info: Cici Kirchner 530-306-7034

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

Heads up, BCUMC!

You will soon receive a letter announcing our Capital Improvement Project. The letter will have more details, but here is a thumbnail. Apart from a few smaller projects such as replacing the organ and upgrades to the AV equipment, the church has not asked for contributions recently, except for the annual stewardship drive that covers the routine and ministry expenses of the church. We have been very fortunate that we have received some bequests that have allowed us to complete some major repairs to our church property without asking for additional contributions. The time has arrived when we do not have the funds to do some sorely needed projects. We are launching a Capital Improvement Project, with which we hope to raise \$70,000 over the next two years. The money raised will go toward several projects, which include replenishing the Necessary Improvement Fund for the upcoming painting of the church and to address the large lawn area on the Second Street side of the Sunday School Building. We will make a presentation during the April 6 Worship Service with more details. As always, we thank you for your support.

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

Save the Date

Bocce Ball Tournament: Saturday, May 3rd!

The United Methodist Men will be hosting a **bocce ball tournament** in place of its regular monthly breakfast on Saturday, May 3rd at 8:00 a.m. at Veterans Park on Balfour Rd. The United Women in Faith will be joining the men in a UMM vs. UWF tournament. A light breakfast (pastries, fruit, and coffee) will be provided, and Joe’s special bacon will make a return appearance. **All are invited!** Hope you can join us! For more information, please contact Joe Niec or any officer of the UMM.

**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

The All-Church Easter Pancake Breakfast is coming!

The United Methodist Men will be hosting the Easter Pancake Breakfast on Easter morning, April 20th, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Come to the sunrise service and stay for a good breakfast with friends! Or come to the 10:30 a.m. service and have breakfast afterwards. Either way, what better way to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of the Lord!

Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ will come again. This is our promise – this is our hope. We are living in some seriously crazy times; there is so much confusion and just too much, too much! We are searching for answers searching for a savior. On Palm Sunday, Jesus arrives in Jerusalem on the back of a donkey with great cheering and celebration heralding his arrival. The people of that time were confused and in need of help and direction. They, like us, were looking for a savior! Many had known, seen, or heard stories of Jesus' words and actions. Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, made the lame walk, restored sight to the blind. He could even raise the dead. No wonder they shout Hosana! In Judaism Hosana is a cry for divine help, and in Christianity Hosana is used as a cry of praise. We are crying out for God to help us and singing praises that He did and that He will.

In a recent sermon, Pastor reminded us that with Jesus' last breath he was imploring us to forgive one another and embrace peace. In faith we can call out to God in repentance. When we can acknowledge our wrongs, we can know that God loves us and forgives us. We are all children of God, and we all face temptations, but God always provides a way out. I know that whatever I'm dealing with – whatever I've been brought to – I can trust that God will bring me through it. God's love and salvation are available to all whether you've followed, loved and served God all your life or come to him in your last moments. All are welcome at any moment. God is our core! We were made by God and carry God with us. Our journey is to draw nearer to our core – nearer to God. Your life matters – make your life journey – the good, the bad, and the in between with God as your Guide knowing always that you never walk alone. God is calling us to listen to Jesus – to be free from fear and to live in resurrection peace.

So how is your Lenten journey going? Did you take on the challenge of making a change that will draw you nearer to God and God's love for all. I'm reading the Lent devotions by Kate Bowler from her book, *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!* These easy-to-read reflections are designed to help the reader through the day – good, bad, or mediocre. This book acknowledges that most of us don't have lives that always work out for the best. Kate is a cancer survivor and wrote this book during a time when she suffered chronic pain; she understands that everyday life can be a challenge. Kate encourages us to acknowledge and embrace the highs and lows of life – to cry out and to praise. Her reflections offer ways to expand our capacity for courage, love and honesty and to remember that God is present in every moment.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR FRAN HASSLER



It is with deep sadness that I share the news of the passing of Fran Hassler, a beloved member of our church. Fran passed away peacefully at home on Monday, March 24, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was 94 years old.

Fran had been a faithful and delightful member of BCUMC since 2006, actively participating in church gatherings and mission work. We will all miss her dearly.

A Celebration of Life for Fran Hassler will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd, at 3:00 pm in our church**. A fellowship hour will follow the service.

May God comfort Fran's family and friends, and may we find peace in the knowledge that she rests eternally in God's love.

Your card may be sent to the following address:

Ed & Vickie Johnson
1700 Eureka Avenue
Brentwood, CA 94513

Thank you so much, BCUMC congregants,

You all made the 40th Anniversary Bean Feed a great success in support of the UMM scholarship fund!

~The United Methodist Men



TWO CHILD BAPTISMS

Little Audrey (2 years old) and Cole Kelly (1 year old) were joyfully baptized on Sunday, March 9th, 2025. Parents Noelle Ochinang and Kevin Kelly, along with proud grandparents Samuel and Nimfa Ochinang, witnessed this special moment. Grace, Audrey's older sister, played a beautiful role as a guide and renewed her own baptismal vows. The children were delighted with their heart-shaped balloon baptismal gifts. In keeping with their Filipino tradition, the family hosted a wonderful celebratory lunch during Fellowship Hour, expressing their thanks for the congregation's support. We extend a warm welcome to Audrey and Cole as our newest baptized members, with all glory given to God.





April

- 7. John Moore
- 9. Donna Baker
- 12. Joey Zamjahn
- 15. Murphy Slay
- 16. Robert Ruddick
- 17. Jeanette Ruddick
- 19. Joe Niec
- 21. Greg Pacquer
- 22. Jenn Dunn
- 25. Polly Gallagher
- 27. Beverly Tucker

Happy Anniversary



April

- 7. Bob and Janet Clarke



EASTER GLORY

Glorious day of resurrection
Our lives are held
In God's protection
Christ within our very souls
Reminds us we are whole.

Risen Christ of radiant light
The sting of death takes flight
Life so full as we embrace
God's ever transforming grace.



Living here on earthly sod
Yet nothing impossible with
God
We sing a song, Oh Happy Day
The stone is rolled away!

New life is here
Faith stronger than fear
Jubilation, Easter story
Celebration, Easter glory!

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April

2025 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old Empowerment Program Youth 5:30 17-20 yrs old BCC 7pm Dig Board Meeting 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> Hope House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Al-Anon 7pm Trustees 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> Trilogy Singers 4:15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> UMM Breakfast 8am 10:30 am Ghostlight Theater
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> H.O.P.E. House Ministry 9am	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old Empowerment Program Youth 5:30 17-20 yrs old BCC 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> Hope House 9am-12pm SPRC 4:30pm ACA 5pm Al-Anon 7pm Ad Council 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> Trilogy Singers 4:15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> 5pm Garden Potluck string band sing-along
<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am Palm Sunday	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> H.O.P.E. House Ministry 9am	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> 11am Worship Committee Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old Empowerment Program Youth 5:30 17-20 yrs old Produce Truck @ Hope House 4pm BCC 7pm Finance Committee 6:30pm	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> Hope House 9am ACA 5pm Al Anon 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> Trilogy Singers 4:15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> String Band 10:30am  AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm 7pm service	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> Worship 10:30am Easter Sunday 	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> H.O.P.E. House Ministry 9am 7pm United Women in Faith Cheryl Breitenbucher house	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old Empowerment Program Youth 5:30 17-20 yrs old BCC 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> Hope House 9am-12pm CCN 10am ACA 5pm Al-Anon 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> Trilogy Singers 4:15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7:30pm	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> 2pm Music Teachers Association
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> Worship 10:30am Cheryl Breitenbucher will be preaching	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> H.O.P.E. House Ministry 9am DIG 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old Empowerment Program Youth 5:30 17-20 yrs old Produce Truck @ Hope House 4pm BCC 7pm NAMI Meeting 7pm	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> Hope House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Al-Anon 7pm			

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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TIME DATED MATERIAL

