

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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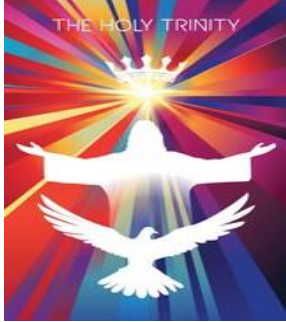
## 2025 June Worship Schedule

### 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	Scriptures / Themes	Worship Acts and More
<p>7th Sunday of Easter</p> <p><b>ASCENSION</b></p> <p>June 1, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>	 <p><b>ASCENSION</b> John 20:19-23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Communion</li> <li>• Adult Bible Study: 9am – 10am Youth Rm</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• Special Music: Alivia Logan-Kumagai</li> <li>• New Members Orientation (2): 12 pm-1:15 pm in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
<p><b>PENTECOST</b></p> <p>June 8, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>	 <p>John 14:8-17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• Special Music: String Band</li> <li>• Celebration of Pentecost: Wear <b>RED</b> to church; Bring <b>RED</b> fruits or vegetables to the church for HOPE HOUSE</li> </ul>
<p><b>FATHER'S DAY</b></p> <p>June 15, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• Special Music: Joe Kick</li> <li>• Tribute to Fathers: Photos of fathers will be shown during the service to honor/ remember our mothers</li> </ul>
<p><b>PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Second Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• Special Music: String Band</li> </ul>
<p><b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2025 10:30 a.m.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• California-Nevada Annual Conference of UMC: 6/27-6/30 (FRI-MON) in Sacramento</li> <li>• Preacher: David Funk, Lay Leader of BCUMC</li> <li>• Time with Young Disciples: JoAnn Funk</li> </ul>



## Pastor's Letter



Dear Beloved Family of God,

Have you ever experienced the profound peace of walking a Labyrinth? Our Trustees and Ad Council are excited to share a vision for our Second Street Lawn – to create a beautiful, spiritual Labyrinth for our church and the wider community. A portion of our Capital Fundraising will be dedicated to bringing this inspiring project to life.

For decades, our Second Street Lawn has offered a welcome green space. However, maintaining its lushness through the summer demands significant water. We believe it's time to transform this area into something new, yet equally dedicated to serving as a peaceful and comforting haven. Our hope is for a space that nurtures not only the soul but also offers tranquility for the body, all while being a more sustainable presence.

My own introduction to the power of a Labyrinth came nearly 25 years ago at a Korean-American UMC Clergywomen's Gathering in Colorado. In the basement of a United Methodist Church, a large, 18-foot Labyrinth print was laid out for about 40 of us. As we began to walk, one by one, tears began to flow. We felt an overwhelming presence of Christ, touching each of us who carried wounds from our ministry fields – from sexism, racism, or cultural discrimination. We spent over three hours in that sacred space, and everyone emerged renewed with healing and spiritual strength. It is my fervent hope and prayer that we can soon offer this gift to our community, allowing many to benefit from its grace.

What is a Labyrinth Prayer Walk?

A Labyrinth prayer walk is a form of walking meditation. It involves journeying along a single, winding path towards a central point and back out again. The Labyrinth itself is a symbolic representation of one's spiritual journey, with the center often signifying a state of peace, enlightenment, or connection with the Divine.

To help you engage with this spiritual practice, here are some gentle guidelines:

- **Entering the Labyrinth:** Approach with an open heart. You might set a specific intention, offer a prayer, or simply decide to be present.
- **Walking the Path:** As you walk, quiet your mind and focus on your intention or your breath. Allow space for contemplation and spiritual reflection.
- **Reaching the Center:** The center is a place for pause, peace, rest, or deeper connection. Receive what is offered.
- **Walking Back Out:** The return journey can be a time for releasing concerns, integrating insights gained, or carrying newfound peace with you.
- **Various Approaches:** Some individuals pray specific prayers or recite scripture. Others may focus on their breath, a sacred word, or simply the act of walking. There is no single "right" way.

The practice of walking a Labyrinth offers numerous benefits:

- **Stress Reduction:** The slow, mindful walk can quiet the mind, ease anxiety, and reduce stress.
- **Spiritual Connection:** It serves as a powerful tool for deepening one's spiritual practice and fostering a connection with God.
- **Self-Reflection:** The journey provides a dedicated space for contemplation on one's life path and spiritual growth.
- **Creativity:** The focused, meditative movement can often unlock new insights and stimulate creativity.
- **Mindfulness:** Walking the Labyrinth encourages a profound focus on the present moment, cultivating mindfulness and heightened awareness.

We are truly excited about the prospect of this Labyrinth and the spiritual enrichment it will offer. We look forward to sharing more as this vision unfolds.

Blessings,

"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 May meeting was at the home of Neda Gray. The topic for the meeting was "How Do You Define Faith?" We discussed what faith feels like for each of us. We look forward to continuing discussion on how faith identities are formed and carried forward.

Save the date for a couple of fun UWF events! Trivia, Treats and Treasures will be held on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. Sundae Sunday will be September 14<sup>th</sup> after the service. Watch for details!

If you are participating in the Secret Sister Summer of Surprises, please remember to send your Secret Sister little gifts and/or cards during the months of June, July, and August. At our meeting in September our Secret Sisters will be revealed. Let's have fun with this!

**United Women in Faith will not be meeting in June, July, or August. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 15 at 7pm (location TBD). 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!**

**Our next meeting will be on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:00 AM.**

**In the fellowship hall! All men are welcome! Come and enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship.**

### **Church Clean-up Day**

**Saturday, June 7**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited!

Bring your gloves!

Tools and supplies (and lunch) will be provided!





# 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

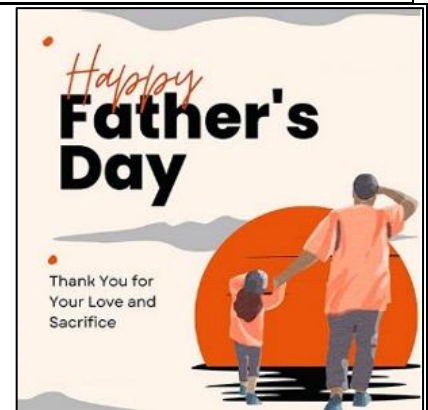
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## FATHER'S PICTURES FOR FATHER'S DAY

**What:** Anyone wishing to share their father's picture in honor/memory of their father are invited to do so on Father's Day (June 15, Sunday)

**How:** Submit a photo of their father (along with the name of their father and the submitter) via email ([brentwoodcommunityumc@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodcommunityumc@gmail.com)) to the office by Wed, June 11th. Then they will be shown during the service on Father's Day



## 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](mailto: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**, **Leonor and Jim Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty Gaughan**, **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Echo Paden** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Joe Niec**, **Rick Dunn's mother**, **Danny Carpenter** (Edie Tidrick's nephew), **Lytic 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), **Mike Martin** (Linda Barnhill's friend), **Stephanie Hogan**, **Heidi Stark**, **Family of Heidi Stark**, and **Joyce** (Edie Tidrick's sister).



## **COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

# NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

June 1st from 12 pm to 1:15 pm (Quiet Room)



You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) join our church as a committed member or (2) just learn more about our church. This orientation will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; and (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission. If you are interested, please let the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or [hslee3@gmail.com](mailto:hslee3@gmail.com). Or you may just show up! Our gathering is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

## Share Your Musical Talents This Summer!

We invite talented individuals to enrich our worship service by offering special music. If you play an instrument or love to sing, we'd love for you to share your gift in **June and July**! (contact Church Office)



## 2025 PENTECOST JUNE 8 (SUNDAY)

- Wear "**Red**" to church
- Bring **Red** Fruits and Vegetables for HOPE HOUSE





## Lay Leader News

### By Heidi Stark

As Easter people we are called to live with hope and light, and I am doing my best to do just that. During the service on May 18, I shared that I have breast cancer. This diagnosis came as quite a shock. I went in for a routine mammogram on April 15 and on May 16 I got the call. In between there had been more imaging, ultrasounds, and a biopsy. I'm thankful that I've always been diligent about mammograms and other preventative health assessments, and I am thankful that we have the medical technology to find and detect health issues. I was able to meet with a surgeon on May 18, and my surgery will be on May 29. By the time you read this I will be home recovering and waiting for the surgery pathology to determine the treatment plan. My understanding is that at the very least I should expect to have radiation, but chemotherapy may also be required. Again, I'm thankful to have a medical team planning the best course of action for my cancer situation, and I have a very positive prognosis. I am blessed to have the love, support and prayers of my family, friends, Church, and so many people I don't even know lifting me up. I am thankful!

When I got the call that I had cancer, I cried! I was scared and I still am - things are happening fast and it's a lot to take in. I'm a planner and I'm organized; this diagnosis is turning my world upside down. One thing our family has not widely shared but is now necessary is that my husband, Luiz was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in February and his diagnosis is a challenge on its own. I'm used to taking care of everyone and everything, and now it has become abundantly clear that I must focus on getting rid of this cancer so that I can continue to help others. It is very disconcerting to not know what will happen next. I'm having a hard time wrapping my head around the idea that I am "sick". I don't feel sick, and I don't think I look sick, and it's hard to comprehend that the treatments that can cure me of this cancer will likely make me feel sick for a while. I'm learning that I can allow others to help because I certainly can't do it all by myself. It's a lot right now, but I don't blame God. God did not give me cancer or Luiz Alzheimer's - things happen - suffering is a part of life - it's temporary, and God walks with us through all of it.

I love BCUMC, and I love serving at BCUMC as a communion steward, worship leader, Administrative Council Chair and co-Lay Leader with Dave Funk. I don't want my life to change but I must change it right now. So, I have shared with Pastor that I need to step down as Ad. Council Chair and step back as Lay Leader. I hope to continue as a worship leader and communion steward as I'm able. I love being a Lay Leader, and I'd like to continue to write and participate as I can, but it may be necessary to find a new Lay Leader. I don't know how the rest of the year will go for me or Luiz, but I do know that this is a season of life, and we will just have to wait and see what comes next - trust God's timing and plan. I do know that I am not alone - I know that I am loved and supported. Thank you! God is good all the time and this too shall pass.

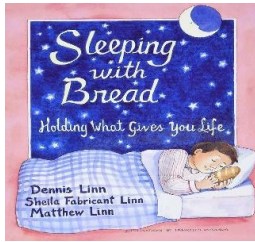
## Thank You!



**The UMM would like to thank the women and men (and children!) who came out for the May 3rd Bocce Ball Tournament. A great time was had by all! Thanks also to the men who supplied the coffee and breakfast treats and Diego who was our referee. Look for the next Bocce Ball Tournament to take place in early October!**



# A FOUR WEEK SMALL GROUP



Rev. Cynthia Pierce

## "Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life"

\* Authors: Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn, Matthew Linn SJ

\* Facilitator: Rev. Cynthia (Cindy) Pierce

\* When: 4 Sundays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

\* Dates: June 1, 8, 15, 22

\* Where: Youth Room

\* Participants can purchase the book individually from Amazon or other booksellers.



\* This class will introduce the spiritual practice known as **the Examen**. The Examen is a prayerful way to reflect on our day in order to discern God's presence and direction in our lives. The book offers one way to implement this practice in our lives.

\* **Cynthia (Cindy) Pierce** is an ordained Presbyterian minister who has worked in hospice for 22 years. She is also a certified Spiritual Director and has led Christian Meditation groups in Southern California. When not working she enjoys spending time with her family and pets, including goats, cats, a horse and a chicken.

## Celebration Ringer's





## Mother's Day Singer's



## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Whether you are a long-time member or a newcomer to BCUMC you have probably attended our Fellowship time after Sunday service. If you haven't tried it, you are invited to join us after the service to meet, mingle and enjoy a beverage and a snack.

In an effort to keep the weekly Fellowship time from being a burden for one person or group, we ask for volunteers to host. It can be hosted by one person or several, and Ad. Council has asked Committees to take at least one Sunday through December. The host is responsible for set-up, clean up, food, and drinks. The spread can be simple or more elaborate – there can be a theme or not. Food can be homemade, or store bought, and BCUMC has some commercially prepared, individually packaged food items available to put out each Sunday. Our goal is to provide a relaxed, safe and healthy environment for worship and fellowship.

Methodists have a long-standing tradition of enjoying a good potluck and BCUMC knows how to do good ones. At the May Ad. Council meeting it was decided that starting in July we will have an All-Church Potluck on the first Sunday of the month. Some months may have a theme, and others will be a true potluck – you get what you get and you don't pitch a fit!

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen, and you can sign up as an individual, family, group or committee. Here's the current sign-ups and weeks that still need to be filled:

### June

- 1 -
- 8 – Hosted by Reconciling Ministry Committee in honor of Pride Month
- 15 – Father's Day – Hosted by SPRC
- 22 – Hosted by CCN for Teacher Appreciation
- 29 – Hosted by UWF

### July

- 6 – All Church Potluck
- 13 –
- 20 –
- 27 –

### August

- 3 – All Church Potluck
- 10 – Hosted by Reconciling Ministry Committee to Celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Reconciling Church
- 17 –
- 24 –
- 31 – UWF

### September

- 7 – All Church Potluck
- 14 – Hosted by UWF – Sundae Sunday
- 21 –
- 28 –

### October

- 5 – World Communion Sunday – All Church Potluck
- 12 – Hosted by Reconciling Ministry Committee to Celebrate LGBTQIA+ History Month
- 19 – Laity Sunday – Hosted by Nominations Committee
- 26 – Hosted by Finance Committee

### November

- 2 – All Church Potluck
- 9 –
- 16 –
- 23 – Thanksgiving Sunday
- 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent – Hosted by UWF

### December

- 7 – All Church Potluck
- 14 –
- 21 –
- 28 –



## June

4 Cheryl Dobson  
 4 Luther Belino  
 8 Linda Barnhill  
 8 Bob Clarke  
 8 Chris van Ruiten  
 11 Paige Meisen (Geddes)  
 12 Chimela Ogbonna  
 15 Rebecca Schults  
 16 Larry Schaffer  
 18 Grace Diksa  
 18 Fran Hassler  
 18 Debra Urzua  
 18 Lian Belino  
 19 Edie Tidrick  
 25 Roxanna Simas  
 25 Hunter Austin  
 27 Jan Schults  
 27 Cheryl Breitenbucher  
 28 Samuel Lukacs



## June

2. Kathie and Fred Gulizia  
 5. Rene' and Drew McCarter  
 12. Carol Green and Daniel Vitello  
 13. Betty and Jack Gaughan  
 15. Fran and Den Bowman  
 17. Tristan Mendoza and Matthew Taum  
 18. Adella and Mike Logan  
 19. Katie and John Moore  
 22. Gbenga and Grace Olayami  
 23. Daisy and Kevin Kennedy  
 24. Janet and Blake Kurz  
 24. Bonnie and Frank Larrabee  
 25. Bryan and Staci Webb

## FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day, it comes around  
 Here we are on solid ground.  
 Heavenly Father, whom we  
 adore

You bring us to the open door  
 Of peace and love and harmony  
 Remembering all that came to  
 be

With our fathers, we recall  
 All the good when we were  
 small

And knowing that they did their  
 best

We forgive all the rest.

They helped us grow, we came  
 to be





All we are, now living free.  
 Heavenly Father, you hold us  
 close

The Holy One we love the most.

© Joe Kick - 2025





1 Worship 10:30am Adult Bible Study 12pm New Members Orientation 12pm Recital 12:30	2 Hope House 9-12pm	3 Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old 5:30 17-20 yrs old BCC 7pm DIG 7-9:30pm Q.R.	4 Hope House 9-12pm SPRC 4:30 ACA 5:30pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7-8:15pm Trustees 7pm	5 NA 7:30-8:45pm	6 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45-7:45pm AI Anon 8-9:30pm	7 UMM Breakfast 8am 10am Clean-up day
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\* Dates and Times are subject to change

\* For the most updated calendar/schedule see church website: [www.brentwoodumc.org](http://www.brentwoodumc.org)

\* To request use of Facility or any questions contact Michelle: 925 634 3093 [brentwoodcommunityumc@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodcommunityumc@gmail.com)



*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

