

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

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## 2025 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  |
|---|--|--|
| 4th Sunday after Pentecost<br>July 6, 2025<br>10:30 a.m.              | "Justice with Food"<br>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holy Communion</b></li> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study:</b> 9am – 10am Youth Rm</li> <li>• <b>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• <b>Special Music:</b> Christine Nelson</li> </ul>   |
| 5th Sunday after Pentecost<br>July 13, 2025<br>10:30 a.m.             | "Justice with Land"<br><br>Genesis 15:18-21<br>Matthew 5:1-5   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study:</b> 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm)</li> <li>• <b>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• <b>Special Music:</b> String Band</li> </ul>   |
| 6th Sunday after Pentecost<br>July 20, 2025<br>10:30 a.m.             | "Justice with Mercy"<br><br>Exodus 34:6-7<br>Matthew 5:6-12  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study:</b> 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm)</li> <li>• <b>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• <b>Special Music:</b> Jeff Schults</li> </ul>  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>July 27, 2025<br>10:30 a.m. | <br><br>"Justice with Acceptance"<br><br>Genesis 15:18-21<br>Luke 6:20-23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Bible Study:</b> 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm)</li> <li>• <b>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• <b>Special Music:</b> String Band</li> <li>• <b>Blessing of Backpacks:</b> All students, teachers, and educators are encouraged to bring your backpacks to be blessed for the new year!</li> <li>• <b>Free B.B.Q.:</b> Men's will provide BBQ. All invited</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="1120 1470 1404 1669">  </div> |

# ✝ Pastor's Letter ✝

**Dearest Family of God,**

I just attended the 177th California-Nevada Annual Conference in Sacramento, held from Friday, June 27th, to Monday, June 30th. I was joined by our dedicated Lay Delegates, Polly Gallagher and Fran Bowman. It was a joy to capture a moment with my husband, Rev. Sungho Lee, who will commence his service to our two sister churches – Byron UMC and Antioch UMC – on July 1st.



## **Insights from the Conference**

The conference was presided over by our new bishop, Sandy K. Olwine. Her presence was marked by incredible energy, joyful smiles, and an inviting demeanor. I found her approach very refreshing and believe her embrace of everyone present will be instrumental in fostering healing from the hurts and divisions experienced over the past three years, especially in the wake of recent conflicts, the bishop's trial, and subsequent return.

The overarching theme for this year's conference was "Thriving in Community." This theme invites us to consider its implications for us as a local church and as the broader Body of Christ at the Conference level.

## **Acknowledging Bishop Sally Dyck's Service**

On the second day, we were honored by a visit from Bishop Sally Dyck. We conveyed our profound gratitude for her unwavering support and guidance throughout the challenging last three years. Though officially retired, her commitment to our Conference during a period of episcopal absence was a testament to her dedication.

Bishop Dyck offered a poignant reflection (which I have paraphrased), encouraging us with these words: "Do your work even though your Conference is messy. God is with us and still wants us to do the work God has called us to do! Serve the community, lead the church, love your people! The Holy Spirit will help us to see the end of this chaos and bring bright light and beautiful order again."

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## Our Journey of Thriving

Her words resonate deeply with our own experience. We have not only survived but, in a real sense, are thriving. This resilience stems from being "motivated, purposeful, resilient, and connected," aligning with a key aspect of Merriam-Webster's definition of thriving. While we may have encountered setbacks and faced decline, our hope and future have never been extinguished. In a way, we have undergone a period of "exile," yet like the Israelites, we have found ways to thrive even in challenging circumstances.

## A Timeless Promise of Hope

The Lord's message to the Israelites in Exile in Babylon, found in Jeremiah 29:10-14, offers profound comfort and guidance:


"For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile."

## Remaining Steadfast in Hope

I recognize that some dear siblings in Christ may feel as though they are in their own "exile" due to difficult life situations. Let us remain steadfast in our hope, trusting that God is ever-present, hears our prayers, and will ultimately lead us to our promised place. The faithfulness of the Lord ensures that our prayers and ordinary days are never in vain. In God, all is well.

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.

We did not meet in June, but we are planning to meet on Monday, July 21 to finish planning our Trivia, Treats and Treasures event. Trivia, Treats and Treasures will be held on Saturday, August 16th from 3-5pm. Please plan to join us for trivia, snacks, drinks and raffle baskets. Tickets for this fun family event will be available in July.

Save the date for Sundae Sunday on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Plan to stay after the service and enjoy delicious ice cream sundaes courtesy of your United Women in Faith.

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 July, and August. At our meeting in September our Secret Sisters will be revealed. Let's have fun with this!

**United Women in Faith meet on Monday, July 21 at 7pm (location TBD). We will not be meeting in August. 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 July 5th, 2025, at 8:00 AM.**

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

### **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/>



## 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), **Jake** (Barbara Pinkston's grandson), **Mike Martin** (Linda Barnhill's friend), **Heidi Stark**, **Family of Heidi Stark**, **Joyce** (Edie Tidrick's sister), **The Scheppler family**, **Beverly Hendrix** and her daughter **Annie Hendrix**, and **Dari Tran**.

### LaVerne Dewey

Dewey went home to the Lord on Wednesday, June 11th. He passed away at home under the care of East Bay Hospice. He worked at Hope House with Marge Walton and the other volunteers several years ago. A Celebration of Life will be held at Calvary Community Church at 3090 Curlew Connex, Knightsen, CA (church is on the corner of Curlew Connex and Delta Road) on Saturday, July 19th at 11 AM.

### 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.

## 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)



| DATE | SIGN-UP FOR SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 7/6  | Christine Nelson                 |
| 7/13 | String Band                      |
| 7/20 | Jeff Schults                     |
| 7/27 | String Band                      |
| 8/3  | Christine Nelson                 |
| 8/10 | ?                                |
| 8/17 | String Band                      |
| 8/24 | Jeff Schults                     |
| 8/31 | ?                                |





## Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark

Much has happened since my breast cancer diagnosis on May 16. I had a lumpectomy on May 29; the surgeon removed the whole tumor with clear margins and took lymph nodes for testing. My recovery went well, and I met with my oncologist on June 20. After further pathology on my tumor and lymph nodes, my cancer is now considered 3A Triple Negative Invasive Ductal Carcinoma. The tumor was bigger than the original imaging indicated, and cancer was found in one of the five lymph nodes that were taken. This cancer is aggressive but **curable**. I'm thankful to have a medical team planning the best course of action for my cancer situation, and I have a positive prognosis. My treatment plan is aggressive; I will start chemo on August 5 and receive 16 rounds. The first phase is quite intense and will be given every two weeks for 4 treatments. The second phase will be given weekly for 12 weeks. If all goes well, I will complete my chemo in December. I will get a break to recover and start radiation early in 2026 which will be 5 days a week for at least three weeks. It's a lot, and I admit that I'm frightened, but I have much to live for and I know God is with me through all of this.

I miss being at BCUMC and spending time with all of you lovely people. I miss being able to worship in person, but I am thankful to be able to watch our Sunday services online. I miss fellowships and meetings and events, but I am doing what is necessary to beat my cancer and get healthy. It is going to be a journey, and I may not be able to attend Church in person for many months, but I want you all to know that I appreciate all the cards, notes, emails, texts, calls, flowers, books, gifts, visits and meals. More than anything I appreciate your prayers for me and my family. 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!

I am still able to participate in the United Women in Faith Secret Sister Summer of Surprises. I have been able to send small gifts and notes to my Secret Sister, and I have received gifts and notes from mine. The first gift I received from my Secret Sister was a deck of cards with affirmations on them. I have the deck by my bed and each morning I turn over a new card. On June 20, the day I met with my oncologist, the card I turned over was **you can and you will**. While my treatment plan was not what my family and I had hoped for it is what it is. This chapter of life is challenging, and I am striving to give it all over to God and trust his plan. I wish this wasn't happening; I don't want this, but I can do hard things. I can and I will fight! Looking forward to being with you all in person as soon as I possibly can.

***I can do all things through him who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13***

### Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**All students, teachers,  
and educators are  
encouraged to bring  
your backpacks to be  
blessed for the new  
school year!**







# Bar-B-Que

Brentwood Methodist Church  
Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> after the service.

Sponsored by your  
Methodist Men's Group



**Menu: Beef burgers, chicken burgers, and hot dogs, and Veggie Burgers with  
Potato salad, watermelon, baked beans, and corn on the cob!**

**We will have lemonade, sweet tea and unsweetened tea, and for dessert, choices of ice cream!  
Please come and bring a friend!**

## 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.

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 the Administrative 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.

## Capital Improvement Project

As we move along in the first three months of this project, we can see the fruits of our collective generosity. The good news is that we were able to move ahead with the termite work and painting project with funds already in our Necessary Improvement Fund. Now we need to work on replenishing that fund (which has been pretty much taken to its last \$1,000). We also look ahead to the possibilities of transforming the “lawn area” on



Second Street.

To date we have received pledges of \$17,160 towards the Improvement Project and close to \$9,000 in actual monies..... This is a work in progress! Feel free at any point to make a one-time donation or submit a pledge. Check the poster for pledge cards.

### Stewardship 2025 - Generosity Challenge

As we make our way through this year, we want to continue to focus on the possibilities of Generosity. So the challenge is officially out there.....

There are many ways to be more generous. You can give your time, energy, or resources. You can also be more generous with your words and actions.

- \* Volunteer for a local organization or spend time with someone who may need some company.
- \* Give compliments; a kind word goes a long way and can brighten someone's day.
- \* If you have the means, consider donating to a cause or charity that is important to you.
- \* Donate cereal or other perishables to HOPE House.
- \* Let the shopper behind you in line go ahead of you.
- \* Bring treats to Fellowship Hour.
- \* Send a card.
- \* Volunteer your musical talents for summer Worship.



Generosity has many benefits. It can make you happier and healthier, help build stronger relationships and improve the world. So next time you have the opportunity, be generous!

Finance Committee



## Our Lady Singer's on Father's Day



**Thank you again! To our wonderful schoolteachers.**





## July

3 Joy Kick  
5 Mgbечи 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  
24. Bonnie and Frank Larrabee  
25. Bryan and Staci Webb

## FREEDOM

Freedom of speech  
Freedom to be  
Freedom of truth  
To see what we see  
Freedom of justice  
Freedom of peace  
Freedom of Spirit  
To let go and release  
Freedom of guidance  
From Divine Light  
Freedom of compassion  
Not insisting I'm right  
Freedom of angels  
Joyfully abound  
Trusting in God  
Our feet on the ground  
Freedom in Jesus  
Spiritual wealth  
To know and to grow  
I claim for myself  
Oh Freedom!

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# JULY



| Sunday                       | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                 | Friday   | Saturday                                |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------|--|---|
|                              |  | 1<br>Empowerment<br>Program Youth 4pm<br>12-16 yrs old<br>5:30 17-20 yrs old<br>BCC 7pm<br>DIG 7-9:30pm Q.R.  | 2<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b><br><b>SPRC 4:30</b><br>ACA 5:30pm Quiet<br>Rm<br>Al Anon 7-8:15pm<br><b>Trustees 7pm</b>              | 3<br>NA 7:30-<br>8:45pm  | 4<br><b>String Band</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>AA 6:45-7:45pm<br>Al Anon 8-9:30pm<br> | 5<br><b>UMM Breakfast</b><br><b>8am</b> |
| 6<br><b>Worship 10:30am</b>  | 7<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b>                          | 8<br><b>HH Produce Truck 4pm</b><br>Empowerment<br>Program Youth 4pm<br>12-16 yrs old<br>5:30 17-20 yrs old<br>BCC 7pm  | 9<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b><br><b>SPRC 4:30</b><br><b>Ad Council 7pm</b><br>ACA 5:30pm Quiet<br>Rm<br>Al Anon 7-8:15pm            | 10<br>NA 7:30-<br>8:45pm | 11<br><b>String Band</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>AA 6:45-7:45pm<br>Al Anon 8-9:30pm   | 12                                      |
| 13<br><b>Worship 10:30am</b> | 14<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b>                         | 15<br><b>Worship Committee 10am</b><br>Empowerment<br>Program Youth 4pm<br>12-16 yrs old<br>5:30 17-20 yrs old<br>BCC 7pm<br><b>Finance 6:30 pm</b><br><b>Fireside Rm</b> | 16<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b><br>ACA 5:30pm Quiet<br>Rm<br>Al Anon 7-8:15pm  | 17<br>NA 7:30-<br>8:45pm | 18<br><b>String Band</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>AA 6:45-7:45pm<br>Al Anon 8-9:30pm   | 19                                      |
| 20<br><b>Worship 10:30am</b> | 21<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b>                         | 22<br><b>HH Produce Truck 4pm</b><br>Empowerment<br>Program Youth 4pm<br>12-16 yrs old<br>5:30 17-20 yrs old<br>BCC 7pm   | 23<br><b>CCN 10am</b><br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b><br>ACA 5:30pm Quiet<br>Rm<br>Al Anon 7-8:15pm<br><b>Reconciling Committee 7pm</b> | 24<br>NA 7:30-<br>8:45pm | 25<br><b>String Band</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>AA 6:45-7:45pm<br>Al Anon 8-9:30pm   | 26                                      |
| 27<br><b>Worship 10:30am</b> | 28<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b><br>DIG 7-9:30pm<br>Q.R. | 29<br>Empowerment<br>Program Youth 4pm<br>12-16 yrs old<br>5:30 17-20 yrs old<br>NAMI 7pm   | 30<br><b>Hope House 9-12pm</b><br>ACA 5:30pm Quiet<br>Rm<br>Al Anon 7-8:15pm  | 31<br>NA 7:30-<br>8:45pm |  |   |

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

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*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.*

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

