



**BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Passion for Christ, Compassion for All

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*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion
10:30 am Sunday, February 1, 2026*

The asterisk () marks when to stand, as you are able.
Please turn off all cell phones, or set on vibrate!*

***Let us be in the spirit of worship, centering
around God the Creator, Son the Redeemer
and Holy Spirit the Sustainer who invites us
into their presence, heal us and mold
us into the image of God!***

COMING TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

Greeter: Linda Walton

Ushers: Scott Baxter, Gbenga Olayomi & Steven Smith

Assistive Listening Receivers/Headsets are available to anyone requesting them.

**You will find blue buttons on our church website (brentwoodumc.org) to join either

Live Zoom worship Service or **YouTube Live** Stream starting at 10:15 am. A recording of the Sunday Worship Service will be available sometime after 7:00 pm Sunday on the church website.

WELCOME (Sound of the Gong)

***OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (#384 UMH 1, 2 & 4) Together

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Polly Gallagher

MISSION/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Polly Gallagher

INTROIT BCUMC Choir
(Director: Alivia Logan – Kumagai)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Hyesung Lee
SING ALONG "Jesus Loves Me" (UMH #191 vs 1) Together

LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM BCUMC Choir
(Director: Alivia Logan – Kumagai)

EPISTLE READING Revelation 2:1-7 Polly Gallagher

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Polly Gallagher

Offertory Music
 *Doxology #94 (UMH)

TIME FOR COMMUNITY (From Zoom & Sanctuary)

Rev. Hyesung Lee

Joys and Concern
 Pastoral Prayer
 Passing of the Peace

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:1-12

Polly Gallagher

MESSAGE

"Church Where We Live"

Rev. Hyesung Lee

HOLY COMMUNION**Prayer of Confession**

Holy and Living God, we confess that we have too often lived as spectators of the world's chaos rather than active participants in your divine liturgy. We admit that we have sometimes lost our "first love." We have allowed the tempting, loud, and noisy claims of the world to drown out your voice, and we have been captivated by the seductive powers of the "beasts" around us. Instead of fixing our eyes on the Lamb upon the Throne, we have allowed our hearts to be fractured by the world's anxieties.

We have preferred "deep secrets" or spiritual abstractions over the messy, daily reality of the flock. We ask that you would pivot our hearts back to the Center. By the power of your Word, undo our egos and cleanse our spirits. As we prepare to receive this meal, remind us that our true security is found only in the Living One who was dead and is now alive forever.

Grant us the eyes to see YOU here in the mundane and the holy alike. Through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, lead us into the daily persistent practice of your Kingdom.

Amen.**CLOSING HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation" (#545, UMH vs 1 & 4)

Together

BENEDICTION

Rev. Hyesung Lee

POSTLUDE



Rose Marie Forment

"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."

DATE	TIME	GROUP	LOCATION
Every Sunday	9 am	Adult Bible Study	Youth Room
Every Sunday	10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Every Sunday	10:45 am	Children's Sunday School	Sunday School Rm
Every Friday	10:30 am	String Band	Fellowship Hall
Every first Saturday of the month	8 am	UMM Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Every Thursday	7 pm	BCUMC Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed Feb 11 th	4:30 pm	SPRC	Fellowship Hall
Wed Feb 11 th	7 pm	Reconciling Committee	Fellowship Hall

THOSE SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Ministers	All Who Follow Christ	Greeter(s)	Linda Walton
Pastor	Rev. Hyesung Lee	Usher(s)	Steven and Gbenga, Scott
Choir Director	Alivia Logan-Kumagai	Accompanist	Rose Marie Forment
Worship Leader	Polly Gallagher	Audio/Visual	Dennis Buckley
Communion Servers : Larry Schaffer, Dari Tran & Polly Gallagher			
Attendance from Sunday, Jan 25: 86			
	Adults: 57	Children/Youth: 7	Zoom: 4 YouTube: 18

Bulletin & Friday Email	Weekly	Deadline: Thursday At 10 am	Contact : Michelle Brentwoodcommunityumc@gmail.com
D's and O's	BCUMC Monthly Newsletter	Editor: Bob Clarke Deadline: 28 th monthly	Contact: bbclarke@comcast.net if you wish to receive a copy via email.
Prayer Chain	Contact Linda Barnhill 925 628 9018; lindalucy1103@outlook.com with your prayer requests		
Suggestion/ Feedback Box		Let us know how we are doing. You can confidentially leave messages or requests in the box in the back of Sanctuary. Your input is important to us.	
Online Offering		If you would like to donate to BCUMC use the QR code or, you can go directly to our Vanco donation page at: www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation	

1. New Members Orientation

TODAY and Feb 8th 12 pm -1:15 pm in the Quiet Room.

2. UMM Breakfast: February 7, 8:00 am in the fellowship hall

3. 2026 Conference Church Officers and Leaders Training

WHAT: Finance Session, Trustees Session and SPRC Session

WHEN: One of the Two

-Thursday, February 19, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

-Saturday, February 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Online, via Zoom. A link will be sent upon registration.

Register Here

<https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/2026CHURCHOFFICERSANDLEADERSTRAINING>

Before You Attend

Review the **2024** training videos prior to the session at

[California-Nevada Conference of The UMC | Recordings & PowerPoints](#)

4.

Denomination-Wide Webinars

From Whom: The Council of Bishops

For Whom: Any United Methodist, lay or clergy

For What: To discern our Wesleyan identity and new vision

(1) **January 24, 2026**, 7am-9:30am PT (10am-11:30am ET): Wesleyan Theology, "Love Boldly"

(2) **February 21, 2026**, 7am-9:30am PT (10am-11:30am ET): Wesleyan Mission, "Serve Joyfully"

(3) **March 21, 2026**, 7am-9:30am PT (10am-11:30am ET): Wesleyan Leadership, "Lead Courageously"

***The recording of the first one will be available this week on ResourceUMC.org.*

5.

A Denomination-Wide Survey

From Whom: Our Bishop Sandy Olwine

For What: To inform the 2026 Leadership Gathering of UMC


For Whom: Any United Methodist, lay or clergy

By When: February 15, 2026

How: Through QR code here



6.



PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE CIRCUIT
FOUND AND FORMED,
HERE TOGETHER
JOHN 1:43-51

CARE AS APE
Ministry

**YOUNG
PEOPLE
GATHERING**

FOOD . FUN . EXPECT MUSIC. REAL TALK.
CONNECT WITH NEW FRIENDS

SAT
FEBRUARY
21
AT 6 PM

DOORS OPEN: 5.30PM

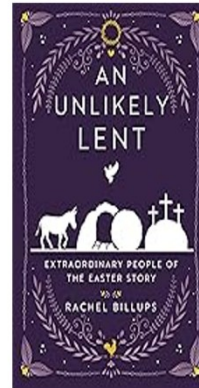
**YOU ARE SEEN. LOVED.
AND BELONG!**

PITTSBURG UMC:
153 WEST LELAND RD,
PITTSBURG 94565 CA

7.

6 Week **Sunday Lenten Study:**
“Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary
people of the Easter Story”

- **When:** Six Sundays 12 PM (2/22-3/29)
- **Where:** Brentwood Comm. UMC
- **Facilitator:** Rev. Hyesung Lee
- ***Everyone is invited!**



8.

Byron Lenten Small Group Sharing:

Come, find a “Community of Caring” in the Bible and among us!

What: The Book of Ruth (from the Bible)

When: Six Wednesdays 10 AM (2/25-3/25)

Where: Byron UMC (14671 Byron Hwy, Byron)

Facilitator: Rev. Sungho Lee

***Everyone is invited!**

9. **Fellowship Hour: Share Your Joy & Table!**

Do you have a birthday, anniversary, or a special milestone coming up? We would love to celebrate with you! Our **Fellowship Hour** is a wonderful time to share your blessings with your church family.

How it works: First Sunday of the Month: This is our **All-Church Potluck!** Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share (hot or cold) as we gather as one body.

Second Sunday through the end of the month: These dates are open for **individuals, families, or committees** to host. All you need to do is sign up for a date and provide the refreshments for that day. **A Special Note of Thanks:** We applaud the **United Women in Faith (Methodist Women)**, who have graciously committed to hosting the **5th Sunday** of every quarter!

Current Need: Our sign-up sheet is currently **empty**. We invite you to step forward and fill these dates so we can continue this vital time of connection. Thanks for your participation! Jerry Walton (Worship Committee)

A Sunday Devotion from Last Sunday Sermon (1/18/2026)

Revelation 8:1-5; Matthew 7:7-12 "Prayer: Reversed Thunder"

Rev. Hyesung Lee

We often approach prayer like a man stumbling across a magic lamp, hoping for a genie to grant a quick wish. When the bridge isn't built or the "unanswered" prayers pile up, we grow weary. We begin to view the closed doors in our lives—illness, injustice, or broken relationships—as barriers God placed in our way. But the truth is the opposite: Jesus is the one standing at the door, waiting for us to open it. The barriers we face are world-made, not God-made, and prayer is the key to the humanly impossible.

So, where do those seemingly unanswered prayers go? Do they simply vanish into the air? Scripture reveals a beautiful, cosmic cycle in the book of Revelation. Our prayers are gathered by angels in golden censers and offered upon the altar before the throne of God. Not a single sigh or plea falls uselessly to the ground. Instead, God adds His divine fire to our petitions, purifying and empowering them. These "fired-up" prayers are then hurled back to the earth. They return not in silence, but as "Reversed Thunder"—a phrase coined to describe our energetic response to God's Word. Just as God's voice is often depicted as thunder, our prayers send that same power back to Him, only to have it return to earth with the force of lightning and earthquakes to transform the world (Rev 8:3-5)

Prayer is not a passive last resort; it is a dynamic movement that involves the entire universe. It is a spiraling, never-ending dance: God speaks, we respond, and He blesses our response to bring about healing and restoration. When we pray, we participate in a movement large enough to shift the stars, yet intimate enough to touch a single struggling heart.

Never believe the lie that your prayers are wasted or that they are merely wishful thinking. They are being held in heaven, touched by God's fire, and sent back to change everything. When we join this holy movement, we find that our "Reversed Thunder" is a precious offering that God never wastes. Let us not grow weary, for when we pray, the world is filled with more light and more hope.

Go, therefore, into the world as a prayer warrior! Amen.

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