

2026 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/>

Date/Sunday	Scriptures	Worship Acts and More
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 1, 2026 2nd Sunday in Lent</p>	 <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #C0504D;">HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<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) ● ALL CHURCH POTLUCK ● Unlikely Lent Small Group – 12 pm in Youth Room
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 8, 2026 3rd Sunday in Lent</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold;">NEW MEMBER RECEPTION</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm) ● Adult Bible Study: 9am –10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Unlikely Lent Small Group – 12 pm in Youth Room
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 15, 2026 4th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>“An Unlikely Task” Matthew 21:1–11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm) ● Adult Bible Study: 9am –10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Unlikely Lent Small Group – 12 pm in Youth Room ● Joint Confirmation: 12:30 pm (Byron)
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 22, 2026 5th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>“An Unlikely Betrayal” Matthew 26:14–16, 20–25, 47–50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm) ● Adult Bible Study: 9am –10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Unlikely Lent Small Group – 12 pm in Youth Room
<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 29, 2026 PALM SUNDAY</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am–10 am (Youth Rm) ● Adult Bible Study: 9am –10am Youth Rm ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Unlikely Lent Small Group – 12 pm in Youth Room

2026 Epiphany through Easter Worship Schedule

2026 Liturgical Dates (Year A)

Event / Season	Date(s)	Liturgical Color
Lent (Season)	February 18 – April 4	Purple
PALM SUNDAY	Mar 29 10:30 AM Parade with Palm Branches	Purple
Good Friday	April 3 (Fri) 7:00 PM	No Color / Black
Easter Sunday	April 5 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM Sunday Easter Worship	White / Gold

✝ Pastor's Letter ✝

Dear My Family of God

Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending the **Growing Church Conference** alongside forty of my fellow United Methodist clergy. It was a time of deep reflection, shared laughter, and a powerful reminder of what makes a faith community truly thrive.

One of the most profound takeaways was a simple truth: a healthy, holistic ministry isn't the result of one "perfect" leader or a single "right" way of doing things. Instead, it is a beautiful, sometimes messy symphony of different **archetypes** working in harmony.

As I sat in those sessions, I couldn't help but see your faces in my mind. I realized that for our church to reach its full potential—especially as we look toward our upcoming labyrinth project and building improvements—we need every single one of you.

I want to share these five archetypes with you. As you read through them, I invite you to ask yourself: "**Which one is me?**"

- **The Visionary (The "What" and "Why"):** You live in the "what could be." You define the mountain we are meant to climb and provide hope for our best days ahead.
- **The Engineer (The "How" and "When"):** You build the "how." You manage the budgets, permits, and logistics that turn a dream into a lasting reality.
- **The Shepherd (The Relational Glue):** You are our relational glue. You ensure that as we grow, no one gets lost in the machinery and everyone feels loved.
- **The Cultural Translator (The Bridge):** You are our bridge. You help us speak the language of our changing neighborhood so we remain relevant and welcoming.
- **The Sage (The Spiritual Anchor):** You are our spiritual anchor. You keep us grounded in the "Why" of the Gospel, ensuring our growth is healthy and rooted in Christ.

The Beauty of the Tension

You might find these types occasionally clash—the Visionary wants to move fast, while the Engineer wants to move right. But this tension is a gift! For our labyrinth project, we need the Visionary to see the spiritual transformation and the Engineer to balance the ledger. Without both, we are either just dreaming or just building.

Which one are you? Whether you are the one dreaming of the future or the one checking the permits, you are essential. You are exactly who God called to Brentwood for such a time as this.

I am so grateful to serve alongside this diverse, gifted body of believers.

With gratitude and hope,



Pastor Hyesung Lee

We believe love in action can change the world



United Women in Faith

February's meeting program from the 2026 UWF program resource book was led by Cheryl as we continue to meet the 3rd Monday each month.

We will continue to remind all our crafty women about our new fundraiser "Fruits of the Spirit Throwback Boutique." You can think about your favorite craft project that can be donated after church on May 17th. All proceeds help fund our mission projects. Jam, jellies, baked goodies, jewelry, and natural arts are all welcome.

All women and friends are welcome to join us. If you would like to but do not drive in the dark, we are happy to pick you up. Just give us a call. Jan, Polly or Cheryl are in the directory.



Greetings, men of the UMM! The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on **Saturday, March 7th** at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come spend a fine wintry morning with your fellow Methodist men, have a good breakfast, and spend some time in fellowship. Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30. **Our primary discussion item will be Bean Feed logistics. The Bean Feed is approaching (March 21), and this is an important time to make sure all logistics are in order.** Diego will lead spiritual reflection.

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

6 Week Lenten Study: "Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary people of the Easter Story"

(Rachel Billups, 2025)

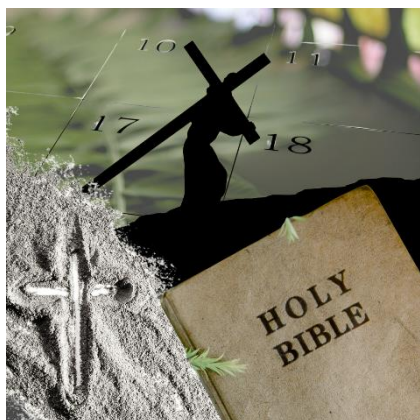
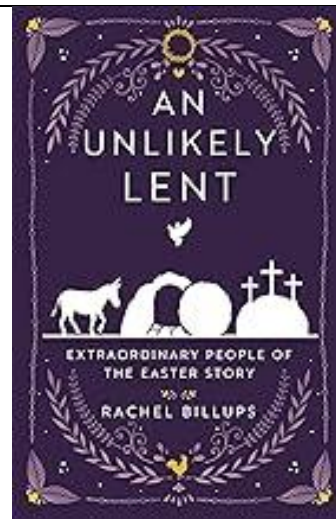
"The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the story of Easter. But the resurrection was not witnessed in isolation; it unfolded before a crowd. What might the stories of those women and men teach us today? How will they help us step into the story of Easter? Here, we can see what has been overlooked, not just in the grand moments but in the in-between: the silence, the side characters, and the questions."

When: Feb 22 – March 29 (Sundays at 12:00 pm)

Where: Youth Room

Facilitator: Pastor Hyesung Lee

*You may purchase the book from Cokesbury or Amazon



WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY

AT BYRON UMC

What: With the Book of Ruth

When: 10 am Feb 25 through Apr 1 (6 Wednesdays)

Where: At Byron UMC (14671 Byron Hwy, Byron, CA 94514)

Facilitator: Rev. Sungho Lee

For Whom: All are invited

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), **John Moore**, **Family of Eugene and Jenny Davis**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Leonor and Jim Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty Gaughan**, **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), **Blake Kurz**, **Mike Martin** (Linda Barnhill's friend), **Heidi Stark**, **Luiz Da Silva** (Heidi Stark's husband), **Dave Funk**, **Jo Chapman**, **Gloria Martin** (Laura Webb's friend), **Frank** (Jerry Walton's brother), **Ava** (Nancy Weld's granddaughter), **Susan** (John & Katie Moore's daughter), **Joyce Sorenson**, **Karen** (Jan Schults' sister-in-law), **Gary** (Polly Gallagher's brother-in-law), **Michael Moore** (John & Katie's son), **Maddie** (Amy Bright's daughter), **Family of Bob Clarke**, **Fred** (Kathie Gulizia's husband), **Joe Kick**, **Shirley Gray**, and **Marge** (Joyce Sorenson's friend), and **Alfred Narayan**.

THE 41ST ANNUAL BEAN FEED!

Saturday March 21, 2026 - 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.

Please keep in mind that you also have the option of eating in. We will have tables and chairs set up so that after you pick up your dinner bag, you can come inside and have a seat and enjoy your dinner right there at church, if you'd like!

All you have to 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 Saturday night dinner! We also will have a delivery service for those who don't drive.

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 41 years now! The 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!

JOINT CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

(Antioch, Byron, Brentwood, Pittsburg)

What	When	Where	Theme	Teachers
Bishop's Confirmation Retreat	Feb 27 (Fri) – Mar 1 (Sun), 2026	Camp Lodestar 6135 Blue Mountain Rd, Wilseyville, CA 95257	With Bishop Sandra K. Olewine	(Chaperone) Lesila Leger + Jacob Lukacs
Class 6	March 8 (Sun) 12:30 Lunch & Class	Byron UMC (14671 Byron Hwy)	What Is the Church? (#10,16-17 pp. 78-83, 111-121)	Plenary: Holly & Cheryl Younger Class: Lesila & Esther Older: Holly & Cheryl
Class 7	March 15 (Sun) 12:30 Lunch & Class	Pittsburgh (153 W Leland Rd, Pittsburg, CA 94565)	What Is Christian Life? (#11-15, pp. 84-110)	Plenary: Sungho Younger Class: Lesila & Esther Older: Hyesung
Class 8	April 19 (Sun) 12:30 Lunch & Class	Pittsburgh (153 W Leland Rd, Pittsburg, CA 94565)	Claiming My Faith & Confirmation Preparation (Unit 6)	Plenary: Kevin Younger Class: Lesila & Esther Older: Kevin & Sungho
Confirmation Sunday	May 24, 2026 (Sun) Pentecost	4 UMCs	Confirmation Worship	Confirmands, Parents, Mentors, Teachers & Pastors

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/>



Reconciling Ministry Team Sponsored A Movie Night for LGBTQIA Youth

Participants: 16 kids and 1 adult in addition to Dennis, Melissa, Chris and Jeanette

“There were students from both Liberty's and Heritage's GSAs. It was a "hit" among the students. And we ended up with too much food. We want to do this again. The students appreciated the safe space.”
(Jeanette Ruddick)



Friday, April 3, 2026
7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

****Members and friends of
our Four-Church Circuit are
warmly invited**

Lay Leader News

By Heidi Stark

Last April, I went in for a routine mammogram and by May I learned I had breast cancer. Over the last 10 months, I have had procedures, surgery, lots of blood draws, shots to boost my immune system, 16 rounds of chemo over 5 months, and 15 radiation treatments over a three-week period. On Friday, February 20th, I had my last radiation treatment! I thanked my medical team and said I hope I never see you again, and they said right back at you. It has been a hard and exhausting journey, and it's not over. I now enter the survivorship journey. Right now, I'm still in recovery mode; I'm learning that I will still have good days and bad days. I'm learning to be patient with my body, my mind, and my emotions as I slowly recover from all the treatments. My next mammogram will be in April, and I will continue to be monitored by my oncologist with scans and exams every six months for the next five years. I continue to pray that cancer does not return in any form. I want to return "normal" life, but nothing will ever be the same; so, I'm learning to find peace with what is.

Pastor's Friday, February 26th email, resonated with me deeply and personally. She talked about the reality of receiving a dementia diagnosis and how that changes the lives of the person with dementia and the caregivers of that person. Sadly, I understand this all too well and have been living the reality for many years. My husband, Luiz was only in his 60's when he was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. The last two years have been very challenging for him, me, and our family, as the disease advanced to dementia with major cognitive decline. It has been devastating to see the changes in Luiz, and my cancer diagnosis only accelerated his decline. It is hard to know that he will never get better and that this terrible disease will only get worse. In July, we made the incredibly difficult decision to move Luiz to a memory care facility where he receives excellent care physically, mentally and emotionally; he has purpose and he is content. As a family, we've struggled with having him gone; we miss who he was and struggle to relate to who he is now. My prayer for Luiz is that he never feels alone or lonely and that he knows that he is loved. Again, I am reminded that no matter how much I want to return to "normal" life – what I knew before is gone, and I must make peace with what is.

I last worshipped in person at BCUMC in May, and while I am so thankful that I was able to watch our services either live or recorded while going through treatment, I have missed being in the sanctuary and feeling the peace and love of being surrounded by others gathered to worship. I decided that I wanted this Lent to be my reentry to in person worship. I prayed and continue to pray that I will feel healthy enough to attend regularly. So far, God has given me the strength to attend the Ash Wednesday service and the first Sunday of Lent. It has been a blessing and a balm to my soul to sit in the pews again and worship and to feel the love and support of my friends and congregation that have prayed for me. On Ash Wednesday, as I received the ashes and took in Pastor's message, I understood that I am dust, but that is not a condemnation but rather a message of God's mercy and grace. Lent is an opportunity to change, to repent, to turn towards God. I know that God meets me in my brokenness, listens to me, and hears me even when I can't find the words to speak. The ashes are a symbol of the new space now present in me for new life. I am dust, but dust can be reshaped to become a new life that blooms from the ashes. I pray that you will join me on this Lenten journey – always moving towards God to see how you can be changed.



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
25 Don Fraley
26 Samuel Ochinang
31 Nick Luoma

Happy Anniversary!

March

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

STARS IN NIGHT SKY

Green hills from winter rains
Life has loss yet unexpected
gains

Trees with blossoms, pink
and white

Another spring, new vibrant
light

New life, nature's ongoing
song

My soul wants to hum along
Light of God, comfort,
healing

Still small voice, so
appealing

Lord, help me tweak my
attitude

Turn my heart to gratitude
So many blessings in God's
love,

More than stars in night sky
above.

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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Adult Bible Study 9 am Worship 10:30am Lenten Study 12 pm Church Potluck	2 Hope House 9-11:30 am	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 9-11:30 am Lenten sm group Byron 10 am ACA 5:30pm Quiet Rm Al Anon 7pm AA 7 pm Trustees 7pm	5 Choir rehearsal pm NA 7:30-8:45pm	6 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	7 UMM Breakfast 8am 1:30pm recital
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29 Palm Sunday Adult Bible Study 9 am Worship 10:30am Lenten Study 12 pm	30 Hope House 9-11:30 am	31 Empowerment Program Youth 4pm 12-16 yrs old 5:30 17-20 yrs old BCC 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 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

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. David Niu

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leaders: Polly Gallagher, Heidi Stark and David Funk

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

