

ADVENT OUTREACH

There are many ways we can serve our neighbors during the Advent season. Visit **bumc.net/advent** to learn more.

Christmas Food Baskets

Donate a food basket for GraceWorks and Harvest Hands to distribute. *Donations are due December 11.*

The Manger at GraceWorks

Help stock the Manger by shopping their Amazon wish list! *Donations are due December 6.*

Harvest Hands Christmas Store

Help stock the Harvest Hands Christmas Store by shopping their Amazon wish list, and drop off your gifts at the Brentwood Christmas Village! *Donations are due December 6.*

Open Table Nashville

Shop their Amazon wish list for supplies to help them through the winter months or make a general donation to help them with continue their operations. *Donations are due December 13.*

Healing Housing

Shop their Amazon wish list to provide necessities to their guests for the holidays, or make a general donation to support their continued work with women in recovery. *Donations are due December 13.*

AIDS Angel Tree

Our dedicated AIDS Angel Tree coordinator, Sue VanDyke, has decided that it is time to retire the AIDS Angel Tree project after 20+ years of service. We and the Vanderbilt clinic are grateful for her many years of faithful service!

BRENTWOOD CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

December 6, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the start of Advent at the Brentwood Christmas Village! This outdoor event is a time to have physically-distant fellowship with our church community. See our live Nativity, pick up Advent resources, and join us for our drive-in tree lighting ceremony at 4:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. on the front lawn! Visit **bumc.net/advent** to learn more.

VOLUNTEER WITH GRACEWORKS

GraceWorks is asking for volunteers to help in their Food Pantry and Thrift Store throughout the week. Food Pantry volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thrift Store volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers must be 16 or older. Contact Erin Saurers at **esaurers@graceworksministries.net** to volunteer.

RESILIENCY & HOPE: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MENTAL WELLNESS December 10, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a timely conversation on mental wellness with the BUMC Counseling Center. This month we will focus on stresses around the holiday season. You can tune in to just watch and learn or watch, learn, and anonymously ask questions. Join the conversation at **bumc.net/resiliency**.

MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

Help us reconnect with members with whom we've lost contact. Visit **bumc.net/findmembers** to review the list. Contact **membership@bumc.net** by December 4 to update us with their contact information.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

December 13, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Buchanan House Give blood to save lives! Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code BrentwoodUMC. Streamline vour donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete your predonation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

THE LONGEST NIGHT: A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

December 16, 6:30 p.m., online service

Christmas brings up memories of joy and light for many and a sense of comfort in being home. For some, however, the holidays are a reminder of loss or the search for home. The Longest Night is a time for spiritual healing and hope in the midst of brokenness and to feel at home in the loving arms of God. This year's service will be offered online at **bumc.net/live**.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

December 20, 3 p.m., online premiere

Experience the sights and sounds of Christmas during our virtual Festival of Carols, featuring the BUMC Chancel Choir, Youth Choirs, Children's Choirs, and virtual festival singers! In place of an in-person event, we will stream the concert for you to enjoy from the comfort of home. Our Worship & Arts team and our choirs have prepared a selection that will help you feel the holiday spirit as we wait in anticipation of the birth of the Messiah! Watch the concert at **bumc.net/concerts**.

"TO THE TABLE" BUMCSM PODCAST

This podcast is an invitation for students (and parents and friends of all ages!) to pull up a seat and join the discussion on all things faith and culture. Hosted by our BUMCSM team, they'll bring Scripture (the Tablets) to the Table, preparing a feast that will nourish your soul. Visit **bumc.net/students** to listen and subscribe!

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Online services: 4, 6, and 8 p.m. Drive-in services: 3, 5, and 7 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Brentwood United Methodist Church! We are offering both online and drive-in services this year. Our online services will feature traditional choir-led services at 4 and 6 p.m. a band-led service at 8 p.m. All online services will be available for playback at the end of the 8 p.m. service. Our drive-in services will take place by the front lawn and feature traditional Christmas carols. Visit bumc.net/christmas to learn more.

SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS

Online prayer requests are shared with the Pastoral Team and, when indicated, with the Email Prayer Team. Fill out the form below to let us know how we can be in prayer for you. Public prayer requests are included in each week's prayer concerns for our church community to pray over. In the event of an emergency, contact the pastor-on-call at 615.969.3086. Please leave a message, and a pastor will call you back. Submit a prayer request at **bumc.net/prayer**.

SOUTH AFRICA OUTREACH **2021 SPONSORSHIP**

Our South Africa outreach partners are still showing up no matter what in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic! We are recruiting sponsors for 415 students (112 needed) and 30 teachers (0 needed) across our 3 partner schools. We still have 116 students to pair with sponsors. Will you partner with our schools for the upcoming school year? Visit bumc.net/southafrica to learn more and sponsor.

December 13, 9:45 a.m.

Get a snapshot of who we are and what we value here at BUMC, plus learn the next step in becoming more connected to the congregational life of the church. Starting Point is perfect for visitors or for those who are considering church membership! Join Rev. Shelby Slowey every second Sunday of the month to learn how BUMC is the place you belong. RSVP at bumc.net/events.

STARTING POINT

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