

November 21 & 22, 2020

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Our BUMC staff will observe Thanksgiving on November 25-27. In the event of an emergency, please contact the pastor-on-call at **615.969.3086**. Please leave a message, and a pastor will call you back within 10-15 minutes.

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.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

An important part of the holidays is sharing a meal together with loved ones. Each year, we partner with GraceWorks and Harvest Hands to provide Christmas Food Baskets for families in need of a holiday meal. Due to COVID-19 concerns this year, GraceWorks and Harvest Hands have asked for help solely with monetary donation so they can distribute food to their neighbors. Make a donation at bumc.net/advent.

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.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL AT HOME

Drive-thru pick up: November 28, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Families of all sizes are invited to join us for our annual Family Advent Festival with a new twist. Sign up your household to receive the materials to make your own Advent crafts. You'll be able to pick up all of the supplies before Advent begins during our drivethru time. Families of all ages can participate in these special traditions to bring the Advent season to life! Cost is \$25 per family. Sign up at bumc.net/events.

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.

INCARNATION: AN ADVENT STUDY

Mondays beginning November 23, 7 p.m., via Zoom Join several of our BUMC pastors and staff members for a 4-week journey into the heart of the Advent season. We will use Adam Hamilton's newest book Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas as a guide to examining the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. Sign up at bumc.net/advent.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BUMC?

UMW VIRTUAL HOLIDAY MARKET

The United Methodist Women's Holiday Market has historically supported missions such as Legacy Mission Village, Project Transformation, End Slavery TN, Siloam Health Clinic, and more. In lieu of a holiday market this year, please consider a generous donation to Brentwood United Methodist Women to support these organizations. Make a donation by check (memo line BUMW) or by Venmo (@Brentwood-MethodistWomen).

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 and 30 teachers 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.

ADVENT OUTREACH

There are many ways we can serve our neighbors during the Advent season. Visit **bumc.net/advent** to view the wish lists and 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.*

WHAT IS THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN?

Our annual stewardship campaign is targeted at raising general operating funds for the church, making it possible for Brentwood UMC to fulfill its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As expected, COVID-19 has impacted the way we do ministry, but our mission and ministry remain strong and impactful. Because of your planned giving, we're able to offer life-changing programs for our children, youth, and adults. You can fill out an online commitment at bumc.net/stewardship.

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.

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 your 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.

"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!

SAVE THE DATE

The Longest Night: a service of hope and assurance December 16, 6:30 p.m., online service

Festival of Carols (featuring children, youth, and adult choirs) December 20, 3 p.m., online premiere

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