

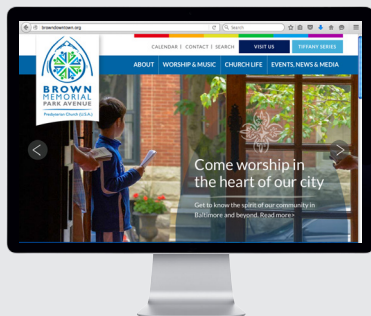
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Introducing Brown's New Online Home

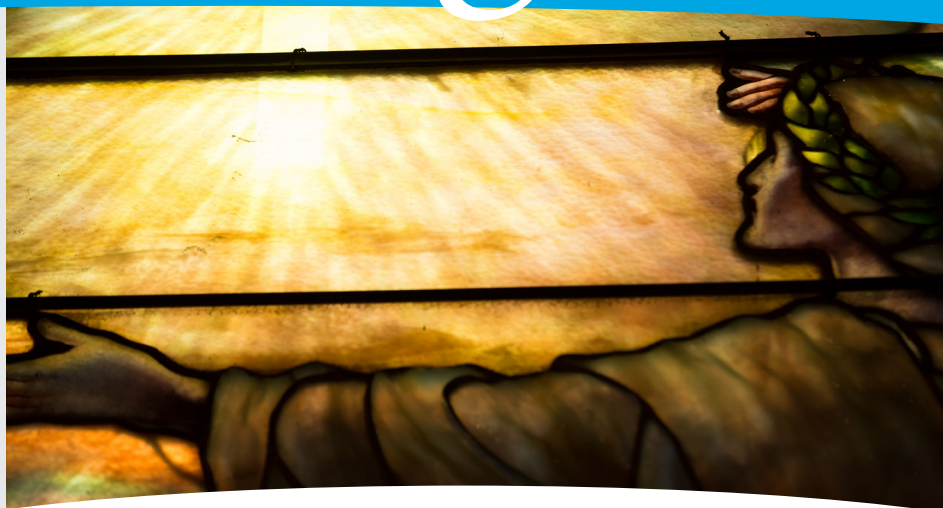
by Jennifer Michael,
Communications Manager

In their project proposal submitted to Brown Memorial last spring, web design firm Theory One explained how a redesigned website would “help BMPA expand its reach to a broader audience, connect more meaningfully to its current members and increase its positive impact on the Baltimore community and beyond.”



Over the course of about six months, Theory One worked to produce a beautifully redesigned and easily navigable online presence for the church that is anticipated to accomplish all that was proposed. The new browndowntown.org launched Dec. 2 and church members and friends are encouraged to regularly visit and share the site with anyone who

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Pastor's Reflections Life at the Crossroads: Lent 2016

Tim Hughes, Associate Pastor

Thus says the Lord:

*“Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.” - Jeremiah 6:16, NRSV*



The Book of Jeremiah arrives at a stormy time in Israel's history. While the entirety of the Hebrew Scriptures concern themselves with the faithfulness of God's promises throughout history, the prophet Jeremiah lived through a particularly tenuous chapter. He survived three invasions of Judah and its' chief city, Jerusalem (597-582 BCE).

The Jewish people and their understanding of their covenant with God were shaken to the core as their city and temple were destroyed. Brooding and confrontational, Jeremiah condemned the Israelites' disobedience

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before offering a glimmer of hopeful advice. "Stand at the crossroads and look," he writes. "Ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies, and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."

The word "crisis" comes from the Greek root "krisis," meaning "to separate, decide, or judge." [1] I find it profound that on an etymological level the word "crisis" literally signifies a crossroads moment. As the walls fall down around us, we must ask ourselves, "Where do we go from here?"

"Crossroads" seems a fitting theme for Brown Memorial as we enter Lent, the liturgical season of meditation and reflection in anticipation of Easter. On a very literal level, the cross is the principal religious symbol of our tradition, invoking the state execution and subsequent resurrection of Jesus Christ. What a crisis that event must have seemed to Jesus' friends and followers! In addition to invoking our religious symbols, however, we are also naming this crossroads moment for our city and ourselves. As Baltimore struggles to unite in the midst of a traumatizing and difficult year, we find ourselves asking, "Where do we go from here?"

This Lenten season, as we walk the ancient path of Jesus, I am mindful of Jeremiah's advice. We would be wise, I think, to walk these well-traced steps once again in search of the good way. As we move through the liturgical paces (all explained inside of this issue of *The Tidings*), let's remember that a crisis is also an opportunity for new direction, even redemption. Let's remember that we follow a God who has a history of bringing new life from unlikely places. May we discover that new life for ourselves this Lent. May we discover it for our city.

[1] "Crisis." Online Etymological Dictionary. <http://www.etymonline.com/index.php?term=crisis>



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may be interested in the Brown community.

A very special thanks goes to the website committee - Abby Jackson, Tom Waldron, Eric Echols, Shirley Parry, David Nyweide and Tim Hughes - for their invaluable time spent setting the direction for this project and in choosing Theory One to complete the job. The result is a website that the committee and staff feel best represents the history, mission, philosophy and atmosphere at Brown.

Here are some of the site's highlights, accessible directly from the homepage:

- The "Visit Us" button gives visitors a quick snapshot of the

church's mission and philosophy, as well as Sunday morning basics.

- A "Tiffany Series" link immediately takes visitors to the current season schedule.
- The "About Us" section includes a visual tour of the church, and contact information for staff.
- Sermons can be heard under the "Worship & Music" tab, which also shows how intertwined Brown's diverse music program is within the life of the church.
- The "Church Life" link is where you will find all the programs listed for children, youth and adults, and all of the mission work happening "in the city" and "in the

world."

- Under "Events, News & Media," you can access the church calendar, read the newsletters, view church event photos, and read the most timely information about Brown events and activities under "Latest News."
- The "CCB Login" link at the bottom of the homepage offers a quick and easy way to access the church's internal website, CCB - Creating Connections at Brown.
- The "Giving" tab, also at the bottom of the homepage, provides brief summaries of all the different ways to give back to Brown, including how to give easily online through CCB. ♦



Lenten Activities & Worship Services

Lenten Fair

Sunday, Feb. 7, Following worship

An opportunity over coffee hour to explore incorporating different forms of spiritual practice into this Lenten Season.

The Brown Memorial Lenten Dispatch

Feb. 10 - March 27

In past years, we've offered a paper devotional guide for the 40 days of Lent, offering prayers and meditation. This year, we are experimenting with an electronic devotional dispatch. If you opt in, you'll receive an email each day of Lent with a brief devotional written by a BMPA member or a brief reading, prayer or Scripture. The email will land in your inbox, reminding you to take a moment for your spirit this Lent. Look for more information to come about how to sign up to receive these emails.

Ash Wednesday Tri-Church Service of Worship

Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.

"From dust you came, and to dust you will return." We gather with our brothers and sisters from Memorial Episcopal Church for an annual ecumenical service of worship featuring the combined choirs of Brown Memorial Park Avenue

and Memorial Episcopal churches. Corpus Christi Church will host this year's service.

Ecumenical Worship Services

Wednesdays, Feb. 10 - March 23,

Noon

Join us as we host at Brown Memorial this mid-week Lenten worship with our brothers and sisters across West Baltimore, a tradition started by the Rev. Marion Bascom after the '68 Baltimore Riots. Lunch will be served following each service. Free-will offerings are gratefully appreciated. Contact Barbara Francis (barbarafrancis1312@gmail.com) if you can volunteer to offer hospitality through greeting, ushering or food service.

Tri-Church Education Series - "Hospitality in an Age of Terror"

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, and 16.

Location: Memorial Episcopal

Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Service 7-8:30 p.m.

How do our theological traditions speak to the responsibility of guests and hosts in an age marked by terror and fear? How do we make space for the "stranger" in a city experiencing spikes in crime and violence? How do we make room for immigrants from other lands at a time of terrorist acts against innocents? Join

members and friends of Brown Memorial, Memorial Episcopal and Corpus Christi churches as we break bread together and delve into this timely, challenging topic.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Stations - Beginning Ash Wednesday

Stations for interactive prayer will be available in the Sanctuary throughout Lent. A new station will be added each week, culminating with the Maundy Thursday contemplative worship experience.

Prayer Service - Thursdays, Feb. 11 - March 17, 5:30 p.m.

As you move from the busyness of your day into evening activities, you are invited to step apart from that busyness and join others in prayer. Within a liturgical framework, we bring forth spoken and silent prayers from the church's ongoing prayer list, from prayer request cards, and from the deepest parts of our hearts. ♦

The March/April issue of *The Tidings* will provide information about Holy Week activities and services.



Session News & Notes

Submitted by Anne Heuisler, Clerk of the Session

Congregational Meeting, October 18th

The congregation approved the session's recommendation to amend By-Law #15 to specify terms of office for trustees. The Board of Trustees will consist of nine elected members in three rotating classes of three. Trustees may be elected for two consecutive three-year terms and then must be off the board for at least one year before being considered for re-election.

Anthony Imparato, chair of the nominating committee, presented a slate of nominees for elders, deacons, trustees and nominating committee. The slate of nominees was approved.

Regular Session Meetings: Oct. 20, Nov. 17

- Stephen Ruckman is working to simplify the process of purchasing a columbarium.
- David Bielenberg represented BMPA at the Presbytery Gathering, Sept. 17, at Central Presbyterian Church.
- Architect Joe Brandli, a member of the Facilities Planning Team, has agreed to draw up plans for facilities renovation.
- The investment committee is planning to offer seminars on planned giving.
- Pastor Foster Connors is investigating ways to fund delegates' attendance to the NEXT CHURCH conference in Atlanta, Feb. 22-24.
- The tutoring commission feels more connection with BMPA than before. Fourteen tutors are serving over 80 children. The session approved the revised Tutoring Commission Statement and Tutoring Program Commission Member Responsibilities.

- Deb Baer represented BMPA at the 869th Gathering of the Presbytery of Baltimore on Nov. 14 at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. The day's focus was on "Race, Class, and Poverty."
- The Stewardship Campaign is on target.
- Deb Baer and Pastors Foster Connors and Hughes attended the meeting of our ministerial group, In the Loop ("Inside the Beltway"), at Madison Avenue PC. In the Loop agreed to provide \$1,700 for employing nine young people through the school year to assist in the BUILD/No Boundaries voter registration project in Sandtown. The youth are to receive training, do voter turnout and build a policy agenda for mayoral candidates.

Baptism

Daniel Elias Flores, born Nov. 11, 2014, son of April Flores and Jen Simmons, was baptized Nov. 15.

New Members

The session met with candidates for church membership on Sunday morning, Nov. 1, to hear their faith statements. Unanimously received by the session, Joseph Brandli, James Cox, April Flores, Jayne Mauric and Jen Simmons were welcomed into the congregation during worship Nov. 1. Read more about these new members on page 5.

Contact Anne Heuisler, aheuisler@comcast.net, for questions or more information about any of these issues.

Approved Officers

SESSION (ELDERS)

Class of 2015

David Bielenberg
Andrew Imparato
Nicholas Imparato
(youth elder)
Andrew Johnston
Olivia Liang (youth elder)
Stephen Ruckman

Class of 2016

Barbara Cook
Anne Heuisler
David Nyweide
Grace Peng

Class of 2017

Deborah Baer
Cheryl Finney
Xochitl Mota-Back
Taylor Stewart

DEACONS

Class of 2015

Fred Cogswell
Bonnie Schneider
Rick Thomas

Class of 2016

Lucille McCarthy
Nannette Mitchell
Betsey Todd

Class of 2017

Adam Allen
Rose Glorioso
Theresa Veatch

TRUSTEES

Class of 2015

Willard Graves
Kenneth Mills
Andrew Ross

Class of 2016

Page Campbell
Jonna Lazarus

Class of 2017

Eric Echols
Matthew McNabney
Donna Senft

Welcome to our Newest Members

by Andrew Foster Connors

Joe Brandli has attended Brown Memorial for several years, singing in the choir and serving on the Facilities Planning Team. Trained as an architect, he now owns and operates one of the seven Maryland Pillar to Post home inspection franchises. Joe, while raised Catholic, was shaped by the evangelical tradition in his adult life. He is appreciating the opportunity to approach his faith with a new season of discovery and openness. A native of Minnesota, Joe is the father of two grown children who live nearby.



on the surgical ICU of Johns Hopkins. They came to Brown through a conversation with Jen's colleague (Brown Memorial member Hannah Murphy Buc) after April was dismissed from her position at a Catholic school for inviting colleagues to her wedding with Jen. They are thrilled to be in a place where their faith can be nurtured in a community that supports their family.



Jayne Mauric joins Brown by letter of transfer from Govans Presbyterian Church. Having recently completed a master's degree in landscape architecture from Morgan State, she is looking forward to a new season of spiritual engagement in her life. Jayne became acquainted with Brown when her son, Peter, and daughter, Jenny, each traveled on joint Brown Memorial/Govans youth trips to Montreat a decade ago. Jayne lives in Baltimore with her husband, Stan. Peter and Jenny now live and work in New York City.



Jim Cox has been singing in the Brown Memorial choir since John Walker first asked Jim to step into the tenor role for pieces sung during the Harry Belafonte event in 2006. Before that time he was a member of St. James Episcopal Church. Jim has appreciated the warmth and openness of the congregation, as well as Brown's commitment to a rich and diverse musical heritage. He was moved by the congregation's support of him as the primary caregiver for Maurice Murphy prior to Maurice's death in early 2015. Of the Brown Memorial congregation, Jim says, "They never forget to be Christians." ♦



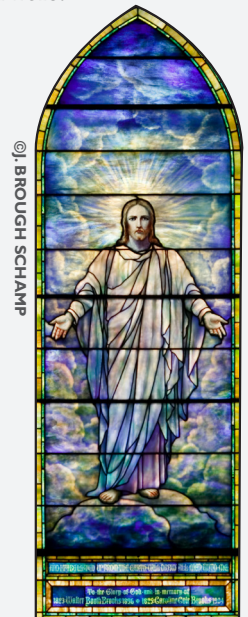
April Flores and Jen Simmons joined the church shortly after the birth of their son, Daniel (Danny). April is a middle school teacher and Jen is a nurse

Tiffany Mission Dream Fund Recipients Announced

by David Nyweide

The Tiffany Mission Dream Fund was started in 2015 from Tiffany Series concert proceeds to stimulate new ideas for channeling the church's mission of social justice. The Baltimore Youth Organizing Project (\$3,000) and a Cuba Study Trip (\$500) are the Fund's awardees for 2016.

The Youth Organizing Project is a team of young people in West Baltimore organizing for justice and social change, and the award will provide them



with stipends; see Tim Hughes for more information. The Cuba Study Trip will be an exploratory visit to Presbyterian churches in Cuba; see Deb Baer for more information.

Congratulations to the recipients for projects that heartily reflect the spirit of the Tiffany Mission Dream Fund! ♦

How Many Ways Are There to Say Thank You?

by Susan Saudek

You, the Brown Memorial congregation, are remarkable and life-giving!! When we asked for assistance with our Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary School "Christmas Wonderland" celebration and bazaar, we never would have imagined the unbelievably generous response.

Our "ask" was for new toys and for warm clothing. Both came in such abundance—all sorts of toys, games, arts and crafts kits, dolls, footballs, books and even a ukulele! And, all manner and sizes of coats and jackets, many new with tags still attached. The classroom we used was completely full of all the goodies and looked like a fairyland.

We wish all of you could have seen the mothers and fathers who came to shop. They were so grateful to have all those really wonderful choices for their children. All the toys were gone by lunchtime and the jackets were not far behind.

Santa's helpers included Heidi Herzog, Denise Reid, Latasha Harding, Elisha

Coil and Tamara—all parents of our EMES children— and our Brown team made up of Lynda Burton, Carol Graves, Bonnie and Eldon Schneider, Ken Murray, Sandra Fink, Beth Goldsby-Allen and Karen Nelson. I was the resident photographer, crouching on my knees for hours, photographing children sitting on Santa's knee.

One of our newest Brown members, Kathy Arnold, the head of the Boy's Latin Lower School, did her very own "jacket drive" at her school and donated all of the jackets to us.

Santa was none other than Officer Edwards from the Police Department. Two other officers handed out good cheer and a candy cane for each child. What a way to spread good feelings in troubled West Baltimore.

The effort was a complete success. We made a little over \$1,000 towards school enrichment programs, including the much favored school field trips. We are so grateful to all who participated in anyway. Thank you, thank you. ♦



Note of Gratitude

Dear Friends,

I am able to celebrate the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent because of you, my church family.

The grief I feel after the loss of my husband Keiffer is intense. However, I have been sustained by your love. It has comforted me during these dark days. You are at the top of my gratitude list.

I am so grateful for your calls, visits, attendance at the memorial service and letters. The food and flowers certainly helped us during the first week of shock.

Most of all, I feel your collective prayers and hugs. There are no words to express how I feel. Thank you seems so inadequate.

Love,
*Nannette
Mitchell*

Youth News You Can Use



Mission Connection: **The Baltimore Youth Organizing Project**

Last year following the unrest in Ferguson, a group of our high school youth worked in partnership with young people at Zion Baptist Church to talk about race, class and issues that affect youth in Baltimore City. This year, that work has continued, albeit in a different form.

The Baltimore Youth Organizing Project (BYOP) is a team of young people from Sandtown-Winchester and other neighborhoods who have been convening meetings with youth all over the city in anticipation of the upcoming mayoral election. Tim Hughes (BMPA), Gwen Brown (BUILD) and Rebecca Nagle (No Boundaries) are facilitating the group.

On **Jan. 10**, youth from BYOP attended Sunday School at Brown to share their work and hear from our youth about their passions and desire to see change in the city. BYOP is having similar conversations at Zion Baptist Church and with other youth groups citywide.

On **Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, at St. Peter Claver Church, there will be a Youth Delegates Assembly of teenagers from across the city to hear each other's stories, learn about the BUILD youth agenda, and commit to turning out 200 young people for a meeting with all candidates for mayor in March.

If you are in the 8th-12th grades, please save time in

January for these important meetings. It is a great way to play a part in uniting the young people of Baltimore City.



Talk with Tim (tim@browndowntown.org) for more information.

Winter Weekend at Massanutten – Jan. 29-31, 2016

All middle and high school youth are invited to our annual Winter Weekend at Massanutten (Harrisonburg, VA) to get away, be together, worship God and play games ... oh and also ski, snow tube and visit the indoor water park. Youth can sign up for Saturday activities based on interest. The cost is \$150. Scholarships are available. The registration deadline is Sunday, Jan. 10.

Sunday Night Live Dates:

Jan. 24, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Feb. 28, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

March 20, 5:30-8:00 p.m. ("Palm Sunday" Night Live – focused on the Passion.)

April 24, 5:30-8:00 p.m. (Featuring young people from El Salvador.)



Save the Date: Youth Sunday, April 17, 2016
High school youth will lead all aspects of worship, from music to preaching.

Getting to Know the Deacons

by Fred Cogswell

The Deacons play an essential role within Brown Memorial: caregiving for our church family.

The following is a brief summary of our many activities:

- Organizing and providing meals for those experiencing the need.
- Initiating prayer vigils during surgery.
- Supporting those requiring hospice care.
- Supporting families who have lost loved ones by providing prayer and meals through periods of mourning.
- Providing transportation to medical appointments.
- Acknowledging and celebrating pro-

fessional awards, the birth of children and milestone anniversaries.

- Delivering groceries.
- Praying with those who wish to receive or participate in prayer.
- Writing to and/or contacting families using church note cards.
- Contacting and praying for our college students who are away from home.
- Maintaining contact with our high school students who are seniors.
- Maintaining contacts with families who have recently moved from the area.

The Deacons are organized to provide caregiving by alphabetic assignment.

To assist you, photographs of the 2016 Deacons and email addresses (phone numbers are available in CCB) are provided here to help you identify your Deacon.

You may want to reach out to your Deacon just to say hello or to discuss caregiving needs; we acknowledge that effective communication is a shared responsibility. It is our goal to be in touch with each of you in our church directory for whom we are responsible during 2016, and we expect to find additional ways to meet and get to know you. Deacons typically wear name badges on Sunday mornings during worship.



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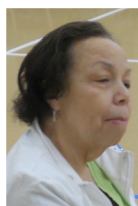
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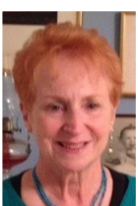
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Donor Recognition: The Mary and Carl Taylor Funds

by Phyllis McIntosh

This article, as part of an ongoing series of articles about contributors to Brown Memorial's endowment fund, focuses on Carl Taylor. The next issue of *The Tidings* will focus on Mary Taylor.

Mary and Carl Taylor led exceptional lives and enriched Brown Memorial with their insights, knowledge and energy, as well as their establishment of endowment funds to further the church's global mission work.

Born in India to Presbyterian medical missionaries, Carl Taylor became a "pharmacist's assistant" at the age of seven in his parents' ox cart-based clinic deep in the jungles. His world-class achievements grew from that experience—the outgrowth of a lifetime of service to the well-being of the world's marginalized people.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Muskingum College and a medical degree from Harvard, Carl served in North-Central India as medical director of a Presbyterian mission hospital. Frustrated by the recurrent cases of preventable diseases, he went back to Harvard to earn a doctorate in Public Health and returned to India to start the first program teaching Preventive Medicine on the Indian Subcontinent at the Christian Medical College of Ludhiana.

Always focused on the needs of the disenfranchised, he went beyond merely training doctors to work in the villages. His research demonstrated

rapid and sustained improvements in community health when multi-disciplinary care teams engaged training village women as health care providers and educators. Described as a visionary and pioneer, Carl's enthusiasm and energy inspired a movement that linked women's empowerment with holistic community-based change.

Carl was the principal force behind the creation of the World Health Organization's Alma-Ata Declaration, adopted in 1978. The document's advocacy of community participation in health care remains a guiding tenet of public health, and UNICEF adopted the methods he developed.

"He is the greatest public health expert I have come across," said Dr. Halfdan T. Mayler, W.H.O. director at the time.

The Taylors moved to Baltimore in 1961 when Carl joined what was then the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, now the Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 1963, they joined Brown Memorial after witnessing the church's involvement in civil rights demonstrations to break segregation laws (when Rev. John Muddaugh was arrested while

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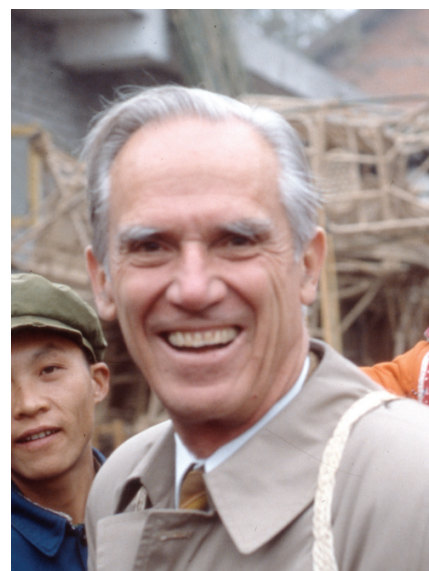


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— Dr. Halfdan T. Mayler, W.H.O. director at the time.



February Birthdays

02/03	Sarah B. Buikema
02/03	Cameron Lorch-Liebel
02/04	Anthony Crooms
02/04	June Fletcher-Hill
02/05	Annie Bishai
02/05	Emily Brown
02/07	Benjamin Hand
02/07	Jonna Lazarus
02/07	Dave Miller
02/08	Barbara Christen
02/10	Lila Xin Neblo McNabney
02/11	Robert Smith
02/12	Bob Babb
02/13	Tom Hall
02/14	Wallace Anderson
02/14	Patrick Francis
02/14	Allan Riorda
02/16	Andrew Liang
02/16	Tom Liebel
02/17	Joseph Reichelt
02/17	Chloe Willis
02/18	Christy Macy
02/19	Kensi Veatch
02/21	Henry Crew
02/22	Brian Schanbacher
02/22	Kathryn Wagner
02/23	Jake Cheseldine
02/24	Monica Lemmon
02/24	Phineas Schanbacher
02/25	Susan Rogers
02/26	Blythe Petit
02/26	Steve St. Angelo
02/28	David Nyweide



Note: If you wish to have your birthday listed in *The Tidings*, please contact Sharon Holley, church secretary, at 410-523-1542, or via e-mail at Sharon@browndowntown.org.

Donor Recognition

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de-segregating Leakin Park), and learning about its commitment to mission.

Carl joined the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 1961, where he founded the academic discipline of international health, and served as chair of the Hopkins department in the 1960s and 1970s while carrying out international research projects. He called his work “ecumedicine,” which he said referred to “the unifying forces that bind the civilized world together.”

For more than 30 years he advised the W.H.O. on a variety of international health issues and was the UNICEF representative to China in the 1980s.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton recognized Carl for his achievements and his “sustained work to protect children around the world in especially difficult circumstances,” which included his efforts during the Bosnian war.

Carl told the Brown Memorial

congregation years later, “We knew this was our church.” At the time he had just returned from months in Afghanistan. He shared those experiences at Brown, emphasizing the urgent need to eliminate centuries of ethnic hate by working with the children caught in the war. “International medicine is one of our best instruments of peace,” Carl said.

He also reported from the front lines of his work to empower local communities around the world that, “The world is burning with violence and hate—but also with new hope.”

Upon his death in 2010, Carl’s children established the Mary and Carl Taylor funds to ensure that the church’s commitment to global concerns, openness to people of many cultures and lands, and ability to experience and deepen its faith through the global church would be encouraged for many years to come. Thanks to Mary’s and Carl’s leadership and generosity, their lives and legacy are part of the fabric of this church. ♦

Meditation Circle

Join us for a time of silence and community every Sunday, 9-9:30 (please arrive a few minutes prior to 9 a.m.), in the Church House. All are welcome. Using a few words or an image to bring us to a place of stillness, we sit together in a circle of meditative quiet, ending with prayer. Through stilling our minds and opening our hearts, we find community with one another and with God.



Join the Meditation Circle email list: contact June Fletcher-Hill, fletcherhill@msn.com, 410-367-0995.



January Birthdays

01/01 Fred Lazarus
 01/01 Lisa Willis
 01/02 Deb Baer Reed
 01/03 John Warmath
 01/04 Emily Burton
 01/05 Elden Schneider
 01/09 Yari Armand
 01/09 Felix Mota-Larson
 01/09 Becky Thomson
 01/10 Katie Shaw
 01/11 Hailey Willis
 01/12 Lizzie Mills
 01/12 Nellie Mills
 01/13 Emily Bishai
 01/13 Richard Cook
 01/13 Hadicha Murat-bekova
 01/14 Taylor Branch
 01/16 Kathy Smith
 01/17 Elena Kirkpatrick
 01/17 Shelby Willis
 01/18 James Forward
 01/19 Elizabeth Wagner Cavallon
 01/20 Michael Hughes
 01/21 Kristi Satterlee
 01/22 Chrystie Adams
 01/23 Horace Liang
 01/24 Charles McManus
 01/25 David Bielenberg
 01/25 Shayna Blinkoff
 01/26 Sean Artes
 01/26 Mark Gruber
 01/27 Rebecca Adams
 01/28 Charles Joseph Reichelt, II
 01/30 Ben Anderson
 01/31 Maya Goldsby-Allen

Tips for “Creating Connections At Brown”

by Rachel Cunningham

Did you know that with CCB–Brown Memorial’s internal website for members and friends—you can have a mobile directory for your smart phone with the latest contact information for members and friends of Brown at your fingertips? In a matter of a few short steps you’ll be able find that phone number or email you’ve been looking for from wherever you are. Need directions to someone’s home? No problem, there is a map feature built in as well. Ready to get started?

Step 1 - Visit our new website and click on the CCB Login link at the bottom of the home page.

Step 2 - Click the Mobile Login link from the login screen.

Step 3 - Enter your Username and Password and click Login. A search screen will appear.

Step 4 - Add the search screen to your home screen by clicking the Menu button and then Add to Homescreen.

A few tricks to remember...

For iPhones you must login in from the Safari browser to see the Add to Homescreen icon which is a box with an up arrow in it.

For older Androids you will need to bookmark the screen once you’ve logged into CCB and then tap and hold an open space on your Homescreen. A menu will pop up, select Shortcuts, and then Add to Homescreen.



Watch for more tips on how to get the most out of CCB in future Tidings and, as always, if you have questions, call or email Rachel Cunningham, 410-523-1542 Ext. 14, rachel@browndowntown.org.



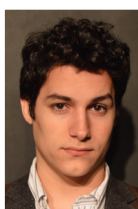
Music Notes


Welcome to Our
Newest Soloist:
Lorenzo Zapata
by Michael Britt,
Minister of Music

We are pleased to announce and welcome our new Bass Solo Chorister, Lorenzo Zapata.

Lorenzo, a bass-baritone, is a first-year undergraduate studying at the Peabody Conservatory of Music under Steven Rainbolt. He previously attended the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) for two years of high school.

During his time at UNCSA, he performed in productions of Verdi's "Requiem," Offenbach's "Les Contes D'Hoffman," and Strauss' "Die Fledermaus." At UNCSA, he studied under Marion Pratnicki. In fall 2015, he performed with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in a production of "Don Giovanni" and will perform in the Peabody Opera production of Kurt Weill's "Street Scene." ♦



 **For more information on Music News, contact Michael at 410-523-1542, Ext. 16, or michael@browndowntown.org.**

Tutoring Corner

by Amy Munds

If you've walked through the church building and wondered why you are hearing the beautiful sounds of music on the third floor, it's because our students in the Brown Memorial Tutoring Program have been exploring the many facets of music this year. The classical of Beethoven, jazz of Coltrane and hip-hop of Sandtown are only a few genres you might hear at our listening stations.

Assistant conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO), Nick

Hersh, BSO violist, Jeff Stewart, and our very own Tim Hughes, have stopped by to demonstrate the cello, viola and guitar and allowed the children to try their hand at an instrument.

In addition to broadening the knowledge base for our students, music has proven to be a wonderful vehicle for verbal and written expression. As the music is playing and inspiring our children, they have an opportunity to read and write about what they hear. In the written words of one of our students, Camaron Moore, "I like this music... It helps you with your work when you need to focus. It calms you when you are mad." ♦



Tiffany Series Dates to Save

April 3, 2016

LGBT Choral Concert
featuring the Potomac
Fever

April 24, 2016

Frederick Swann,
Organist

May 15, 2016

"At the Close of the Day"
Choral Concert, featuring
Brown Memorial's Chan-
cel Choir and soloists,
together with a chamber
orchestra.



Visit browndowntown.org for more information and to purchase tickets.



BMPA Calendar

*Alive in the City
and the World*

NEW: Prayer Service every

Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary
As you move from the busyness of your day into evening activities, you are invited to step apart from that busyness and join others in prayer. Within a liturgical framework, we bring forth spoken and silent prayers from the church's ongoing prayer list, from prayer request cards, and from the deepest parts of our hearts.

Jan. 19, Youth Delegates Assembly, 5:00-7:00 p.m., St. Peter Claver Church
See details on page 7.

Jan. 21, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 12:30-1:30, Home of Dianne Ross. Enjoy support and fellowship while making prayer shawls for those in need. *Email Rachel, rachel@browndowntown.org, for more information.*

Jan. 29-31, Winter Weekend at Massanutten. *See details on page 7.*

Feb. 7, Lenten Fair, Following worship
See details on page 3.

Wednesdays, Feb. 10 - March 23, Ecumenical Worship Services, Noon, Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian. *See details on page 3.*

Feb. 10, Ash Wednesday Tri-Church Service of Worship, 7:30 p.m. Memorial Episcopal. *See details on page 3.*

Feb. 12 & Feb. 26, Feasting in Faith, 6:30 p.m., Locations TBA
Enjoy a potluck dinner at a member's home followed by a discussion of a topic of interest related to our faith. These gathering will focus on Lenten Devotional readings to be selected.

Feb. 14, Community Potluck, Noon, Assembly Room. Join us as we continue the feast of communion over a potluck lunch.

Feb. 18, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1-3 p.m., Location TBA. Enjoy support and fellowship while making prayer shawls for those in need. *Email Rachel, rachel@browndowntown.org, for more information.*

Feb. 28, City Love Lunch Series, Following worship. We continue our year-long focus on challenge and opportunity in Baltimore City by focusing on the arts and especially public art in Baltimore neighborhoods. We'll hear remarks from local artists and art nonprofits before a general conversation with the room. Panelists are TBA.

Jan. 24, Annual Congregation Meeting, Noon, Assembly Room
Plan to stay for lunch and the annual meeting.

Jan. 24 & Feb. 28, Sunday Night Live, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Our monthly gathering for middle and high school youth. Join us in the church assembly room for dinner, games and conversation about things that matter.

Feb. 21, Youth Leadership Breakfast, 9-9:45 a.m., Church House third floor. Join us for breakfast and planning upcoming youth events. *RSVP with Tim, tim@browndowntown.org.*



Wednesdays, March 2, 9, and 16, Tri-Church Education Series - "Hospitality in an Age of Terror," Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Service 7-8:30 p.m. Memorial Episcopal
See details on page 3.

For the most up-to-date information about all activities and services at Brown, visit browndowntown.org and click on "Sign up for our E-newsletter" at the bottom of the homepage to receive *This Week @ Brown* in your email inbox.

Tidings

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