



**BROWN  
MEMORIAL  
PARK AVENUE**

# GET INVOLVED

Groups, Ministries & Committees at Brown Memorial



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# MISSION STATEMENT

“Emboldened by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, we strive to bear witness to the reconciling love of God by nurturing an inclusive community, wrestling with Scripture and tradition, and working for justice and peace.”

Relationships are the means through which our lives come together by faith in God through Jesus Christ. Jesus taught that we cannot encounter God apart from relationships with each other and the neighbors we serve.

We focus our common life together around five relationships:

## 1. Relationships with God

We seek spiritual nourishment in worship and fellowship, offering opportunities for renewal and refreshment.

- ◆ Explore new and meaningful ways to encounter God in corporate worship.
- ◆ Foster individual spiritual practices through opportunities and teachings throughout the liturgical calendar.
- ◆ Deepen our understanding of our faith through engagement with Scripture and theological teaching.

## 2. Relationships with one another

We seek to create wholesome relationships that embrace authenticity and vulnerability, recognizing that we're all works in progress.

- ◆ Provide multiple entry points for inquirers and new members to discern where their interests and life of the church intersect.
- ◆ Develop intentional and intergenerational fellowship through small groups, teams, committees, activities and events.
- ◆ Manifest a spirit of hospitality by welcoming newcomers and enhancing connections in light of a growing congregation.
- ◆ Embody the conviction that all are welcome.

## 3. Relationships with our church home

We seek to share the assets of our facility to connect us to God's mission in the world.

- ◆ Define use options and policies for use of the newly renovated second floor of Fellowship Hall.

- ◆ Strive for continued improvements in accessibility.

## 4. Relationships with our city

We seek to uphold our missional identity as people inextricably connected with God's involvement in Baltimore City and its future.

- ◆ Participate in the work of justice and social change in Baltimore City through relationship building, organizing (with BUILD), advocating, participating and serving.
- ◆ Foster relationships with other faith communities and with our neighbors in Central West Baltimore.

## 5. Relationships with our world

We seek to participate in the work of pursuing a world where all God's people and creation are validated, respected and sustained.

- ◆ Nurture and affirm relationships and ministry beyond Baltimore, as fostered by the interest and leadership of congregational membership (e.g., Dakota Presbytery, El Salvador, Cuba).
- ◆ Encourage and empower individuals to pursue new ideas that inspire the congregation to move toward justice and peace (e.g., Opioid Group, Sanctuary Movement).
- ◆ Pursue opportunities to protect and celebrate God's creation through education, outreach and sustainable practices.

## GROUPS & MINISTRIES

### Adult Education & Sunday School

*Leaders: Michele Ward & Rachel Cunningham*

Christian education for all ages on Sunday mornings, 9:45–10:45 a.m.

### Brown Green Team

*Leader: McKay Jenkins*

Working to make our church and community more environmentally sustainable and protect God's creation.

### Brown Memorial BUILD Team

*Leader: Patti Flowers-Coulson*

Developing leaders capable of reweaving the social fabric inside of Brown and into the community through disciplined listening, action and reflection.

### Global Mission

*Leader: Julie Hanks*

The committee that guides our missional congregation in seeking out, supporting and accompanying our brothers and sisters beyond Baltimore and around the globe who share our commitment to participate in God's redemption of the world. Three teams are organized around specific relationships with communities outside of Baltimore:

- **Cuba Study Team** - Leader: Deb Baer
- **El Salvador Partnership** - Leader: Barbara Cook
- **Pejuhutazizi Learning Camps** (Native American partnerships in the midwestern US) - Leader: Chrystie Adams

### Meditation Circle

*Leader: McKay Jenkins*

Drawing on contemplative traditions and meditation practices, the Meditation Circle provides a Sunday morning space for stillness and an experience of silence, 9:45–10:45 a.m.

### Small Groups

*Leader: Rachel Cunningham*

Currently working together to develop a variety of small groups for the congregation to participate in along with other fellowship activities. Contact Rachel for a current list of small groups.

### Weekly Prayer Service

*Leader: June Fletcher-Hill*

Gathering together each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. to share our community's prayers.

### Urban Witness

*Leader: Lynda Burton*

This group is currently working together to:

- Address the opioid crisis with the resources and voice of the church. Leaders - Lynda Burton
- Volunteer at Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary. Leader - Chrystie Adams
- Make casseroles for Our Daily Bread. Leader - Karen Nelson or Evelyn Cogswell

### Wednesday Bible Study

*Leader: Andrew Foster Connors & Michele Ward*

Gathering each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for Bible study, prayer and discussion.

### Youth Group

*Leader: Michele Ward*

Gathering monthly for various activities and events, with trips and retreats throughout the year.

### The Brown Memorial Tutoring Program

*Staff: Martha Socolar, Director*

The nation's longest running volunteer program, which trains adult volunteers to tutor Baltimore City Public School students from four different elementary schools in one-to-one reading support.



## COMMITTEES

Please contact leaders through CCB (see below) or email [info@browndowntown.org](mailto:info@browndowntown.org).

### Diversity Committee

Leader: Page Campbell

### Investment Committee

Leader: Stephen Ruckman

### Nominating Committee

Leader: Laura Urban

### Personnel Committee

Leader: Elizabeth Reichelt

### Stewardship Committee

Leader: Taylor Stewart

### Tiffany Series Committee

Leader: Shirley Parry

### Tutoring Commission

Leader: Mary Obrecht

### Worship Committee

Leader: Susan Stroupe

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Please contact Michael Britt ([michael@browndowntown.org](mailto:michael@browndowntown.org)) if you are interested in the following activities:

### Chancel Choir

Leader: Michael Britt

### Handbell Choir

Leader: Mary Maldarelli

### Instrumental Ensemble

Leader: Michael Britt

### Soulful Revue

Leader: Taylor Branch

### Soulful Sisters

Leader: Kathy Graning

## SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADER & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact Rachel Cunningham ([rachel@browndowntown.org](mailto:rachel@browndowntown.org)) if you are interested in the following positions:

**Acolyte**

**Audio Engineer**

**Greeter**

**Liturgist**

**Hospitality Helpers**

**Photographers**



Log into our internal website, CCB (Creating Connections at Brown) to contact any of these group leaders for more information. URL: <https://browndowntown.ccbchurch.com>. Or email [info@browndowntown.org](mailto:info@browndowntown.org) for more information about getting involved.