



Good News from Brown Memorial Park Avenue
Presbyterian Church

Tidings

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Help Us Celebrate 150 Years

by Gayle Barney

In this New Year, our community's time reflecting on years past and the future will be special. This year, at Brown Memorial, we are celebrating our 150th year anniversary.

As a community, we will be looking back to December 4, 1870, when our building was dedicated, and reimagining our future for years to come. We hope to craft a narrative that represents all of our rich, collective stories and a vision to guide our renewed call to serve God, each other and our community.

This year of celebration, learning and planning will be a process involving everybody. So, how can you get involved? The possibilities are limitless. For example, you can participate in a history archive dive, act out our past on stage, help plan a rededication ceremony, dialogue with past ministers and community leaders, plant a garden or work with youth developing images to share our past.

What are the next steps in early 2020? At the annual meeting on January 26, 2020, come

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Pastor's Reflection

A Charge for the New Year

by Michele Ward, Associate Pastor

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage!
Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering.
Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

—The PC(USA) Common Book of Worship

Every week at the end of the Sunday morning service, the preacher raises their hand and gives a blessing and a charge. The blessing is to comfort us and the charge is to challenge us. The Christian life is meant to give us both—the comfort of God's presence and the challenge of God's call. These paradoxes dwell side by side each time we conclude our Sunday morning services together in the sanctuary. As we ponder what we are about to eat for lunch, how we are traveling to our next destination, and what errands we need to run,

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God meets with us in order to bless us and charge us.

Some of us would rather have the blessing without the charge, but we cannot have one without the other. It is like asking for Jesus to only come in grace but not in truth (John 1:14). We like the comforting words that God loves us, that Jesus is our friend, and that the Holy Spirit fellowships with us. We do not like the words that cause us to squirm a little and shift our weight in our shoes are the words of challenge. We shy away from the words that call us to act differently because of the way that God invites us to make our stated faith a lived reality.

Some of us would rather have the charge without the blessing, but we cannot have that either. God does not come to bring truth without grace or a charge without a blessing. If God did that, God would fulfill all the clichés about judgment without love. A charge is not meant to shame or punish. A charge is meant to change how we live and turn us around. For a charge to come in love, it must come with a blessing, too.

As we enter 2020, we have an opportunity to ask ourselves how God brings us comfort and challenge. How will you accept God's grace—the grace that is waiting for you? What is God charging you to do and how will you respond?

May the words of the Irish poet John O'Donahue bring you comfort and challenge this day and every day of your sacred life. ♦



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A Blessing for the New Year

On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.

And when your eyes
Freeze behind
The gray window
And the ghost of loss gets into you,
May a flock of colors,
Indigo, red, green
and azure blue,
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
In the curragh of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be
yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be
yours.

And, so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.

- John O'Donahue
To Bless the Space Between Us

Session News & Notes

submitted by Laura Urban, Clerk of Session

The Session took the following actions or received these reports since the previous Tidings issue:

■ Received a financial report on the **Capital Campaign** status. The total cost of the project is \$1,792,642 for the renovation project for the Fellowship Building (including the elevator installation, kitchen remodel and new bathroom) and building repairs (including the South Tower). The church has raised \$1,476,018 (in payments plus pledges). Because we used a low-interest line of credit to meet the cash flow needs of the construction bills (as pledges stretch over five years), there is current shortfall of about \$567,000. This number could vary if pledges are paid early and/or if new donors contribute to the project. Session will launch a “second mile” campaign in early 2021 to raise additional funds for the project.

■ Received a report on the **Listening Circles** held in late September to offer a space for people to share how the news of Andrew and Kate’s separation is impacting them. Eleven people attended one or both of the Sessions. A few others have expressed need for support to Michele but chose not to attend or could not attend the sessions. Session affirmed Michele’s recommendation that we shift from the Listening Circles as a formal offering, and continue to offer pastoral care based on individual need.

■ Received a report from the **Investment Committee** that they unanimously voted to change the policy to create a default rule for that undesignated estate gifts received by the church be put into the Endowment Fund, as is the current practice.

■ Discussed an outline of a plan (prepared by staff) for **Brown’s 150th Anniversary in 2020** (See article starting on page 1 and jumping to below).

■ Received a report by Michele Ward on the **Child Safety Policy**, first developed in 2011. Under the policy, staff and volunteers who work with youth and children must have annual background checks and must sign the volunteer agreement annually.

■ Received a report from Page Campbell on the work of the **Deacons**. In June the Deacons received training on serving communion at home to home-bound congregants.

■ Agreed to partner with **Light Street Presbyterian** to support their Eventide services this fall by encouraging people to attend and participate. ♦



Help Us Celebrate

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prepared to share your ideas—big or small—about what our community should be doing to celebrate this special anniversary. Sign up for a team (e.g. worship, events, history), work with your team captain to map out your next steps and get started. Opportunities to showcase your ideas and investigation are planned throughout the year, culminating in a rededication ceremony on December 6, 2020.

So, we look forward to having each of you involved this year in our anniversary celebration. Be the process of sharing our past, understanding where and who we are today and reaching into the future. Join us! ♦

Introducing the Midtown Youth Collective

A conversation with Rev. Michele Ward,
Hannah Hutchens and Kristen Bowden



Hannah Hutchens, Director of Youth and Community Engagement at Memorial Episcopal Church, with youth at a Sunday Night Live gathering in October.

Teenagers want to explore their beliefs, passions and identities in a community that welcomes

questions, models faithful living and works toward justice. The mission of our youth ministry is to create strong intergenerational communities and sacred time where spiritual formation happens among friends and mentors.

Midtown Youth Collective (MYC) is a neighborhood youth ministry among the churches in Bolton Hill (Brown Memorial, Memorial Episcopal Church and Corpus Christi Church). The ecumenical nature of the neighborhood churches in other aspects of life together extends to youth ministry now in a more official capacity through the Midtown Youth Collective.

Michele Ward interviewed Kristen Bowden, Director of Faith Formation at Corpus Christi, and Hannah Hutchens, Director of Youth and Community Engagement at Memorial Episcopal, to find out what inspired them to say yes to to ecumenical neighborhood youth ministry.

MW: What inspired you to say yes to building an ecumenical youth group in the neighborhood?

KB: I've always enjoyed working with teens, and when I stopped teaching high school math to stay home with my daughters, I started working part-time as a youth minister. After moving to Baltimore, I started at Corpus Christi. We had tried a few events for high school students at our parish, but we didn't have a large pool of high school students. When Rev. Tim Hughes Williams suggested we combine our efforts [a few years ago during the associate pastor search], I was thrilled to say yes! It is great to be doing youth group together again.

HH: I think that more churches need to do this! With my church currently we have a good bit of younger families and then a few older youth. Having something concrete for my older youth to do has been a blessing.

MW: What do you and your youth

receive spiritually and communally from an ecumenical youth group that they wouldn't if your youth programming was within your tradition alone?

KB: Youth benefit from the chance to see others who are active in their faith. At school, there are all sorts of pressures and expectations that are so different from when I was a teenager. Knowing there's another kid in the school who believes in God, or prayers before meals, or wears a cross makes it easier. Pulling from three churches, youth have a greater chance of meeting people they might not really know from their school who is active in their faith. Students in high school also get a chance to come together with the friends they made in elementary and middle school since everyone goes to different high schools.

HH: Well, for one, my youth wouldn't have a group of kids to look up to! They also get to learn that we are all really similar.

MW: What are you looking forward to doing and learning together as an ecumenical youth group?

KB: I look forward to fostering relationships with the youth and their families, walking the journey together.

HH: I look forward to us growing together. I also look forward to them realizing that while we all have different labels for ourselves as Christians, we have a lot more in common than we think.

The Midtown Youth Collective is:

■ **Oriented around Jesus.** Together we explore the life, teachings and person of Jesus Christ through stories, songs and experiences.

■ **Theologically and socially open.** Youth are encouraged to bring their doubts, questions and experiences here without fear of judgment or rejection. Youth that identify as LGBTQ+ or questioning are welcome.

■ **Playful.** We don't take ourselves too seriously. Games and laughter are essential ingredients to our time together.

■ **Passionate about justice.** We believe that loving God means loving the world and that justice is what love looks like in public.

Youth have many ways to become involved with the Midtown Youth Collective. Explore the opportunities in the *Tidings* and on Brown Memorial's website. Adult mentors and volunteers are also appreciated. ♦

Contact Michele Ward if you are interested in becoming involved with Midtown Youth Collective, michele@brown-downtown.org.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday Night Live! 6-8:30 pm

Jan. 26 SNL: PLAY

Dinner, Small Groups, and Board Game Night @ Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church

Feb. 23 SNL: MYSTERY

Dinner at Shake Shack and Escape Room Fun @ Charm City Clue Room; Cost: \$20

Drop Off: Shake Shack (400 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21202)

Pick Up: Charm City Clue Room at Power Plant Live! (6 Market Pl, Baltimore, MD 21202)

Winter Weekend: Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020

Spend the weekend skiing, snow tubing, playing at the water park and



growing closer to God. At Massanetta Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. Grades: 5-12; Cost: \$180; Scholarships available.

Youth Sunday: February 23, 2020

Annual Sunday when the youth of Brown Memorial take over the morning service. The youth will unveil a special art installation and

prayer station for the 150th anniversary. The offering this Sunday will go towards funding scholarships for summer trips to Montreat Camp and Conference Center and the Upper Sioux Community. Service is at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at 12:30 p.m.

EVENT RECAP: Youth Pumpkin Carving



MUSIC NOTES

Silent Film and Organ Concert Friday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Enjoy a silent film classic in our sanctuary—the 1926 film “The Flesh and the Devil” starring Greta Garbo and John Gilbert. An original organ score by Michael Britt will accompany the film.

Admission is by suggested donation at the door—\$15 general, \$10 students/seniors, and \$25 for families. All proceeds benefit Brown Memorial’s Capital Campaign.



Welcome New Members

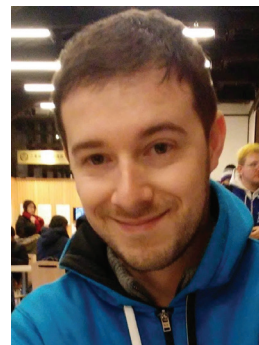
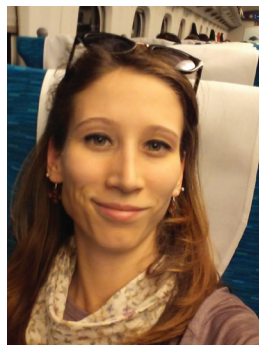


Ronnie & Sharon Doyle

Sharon and Ronnie Doyle found a home in the “thoughtful, open and meaningful environment” at Brown Memorial in May 2019 and were married here Oct. 12. They live in the Better Waverly neighborhood and look forward to participating in Brown's ministries focusing on the environment, social justice and ending food insecurity.

A native of Indiana, Sharon spent her childhood in Clemson, SC, moving to the Washington, DC, metro area in her teens. She graduated with a degree in French from the University of Maryland, College Park. After a year in Paris, she settled in Baltimore and started working in research administration at Johns Hopkins where she still works, 30 years later, now as a training specialist. Since the early 1990s, Sharon has rented rooms in her residence to Hopkins visitors and has been blessed by those international connections. Sharon became a “conscious Christian” in 1998 and attended Faith Christian Fellowship in Pen Lucy for many years.

Ronnie is a native of Santa Barbara County, Calif. Having lived since his late 20s in North Carolina, Michigan, and as a long time resident of New Jersey, Ronnie has two grown daughters, Katie and Patty. He moved onto his sailboat in Baltimore's harbor in 2017. A lifelong Episcopalian, Ronnie sites his Zen Buddhist practice since childhood as formative on his path to experiencing God in every moment. Ronnie has spent most of his career in manufacturing in various capacities of engineering and operations. He is now director of operations for a manufacturing company in Maryland.



Allison Hutson & Steve Whitchey

Allison moved to Baltimore last year with her fiancé Steve to be closer to family and work. She is a physical therapist at Elite PT Baltimore, LLC in Harbor East. Originally a transplant from the Midwest, Allison grew up going to church weekly with her family. Having a strong church family and faith have been key tenants of her life. She is excited to have found her church home at Brown where the people are so friendly and there are many opportunities to be involved. She and Steve are excited to be married here in May.



Viviane Thorpe

Vi is an Immigration Specialist, by trade, currently employed with the Johns Hopkins University as an I-9 Compliance Specialist. She is a family-oriented person who enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her main hobby, of late, is Hand Dance instruction. She does love to dance! Vi came to Brown in 2006, when her bonus dad, Sir (the late Marion C. Bascom, Sr.), announced they would worship here together and she would get a rich spiritual experience. For decades she attended Douglas Memorial Community Church, a few blocks from Brown. Vi's standards for music and ministry are high. Brown is a place where she feels she can grow and give. Joining this church is the outward manifestation of a commitment Vi made several years ago. ♦

UPCOMING Lenten Activities

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper **Tuesday, February 25 - 6:30pm**

Gather in the Assembly Room for pancakes, games for all ages and the 4th Annual Brown Memorial versus Memorial Episcopal pancake relay race. The record is Brown 2, Memorial 1. RSVP to Rachel Cunningham, rachel@browndowntown.org, by Sunday, March 3. Come at 5:30 p.m. if you want to help cook pancakes.

Ash Wednesday Tri-Church **Service of Worship** **Wednesday, February 26 - 7:30pm**

"From dust you came, and to dust you will return." We gather with our sisters and brothers from Corpus Christi Catholic Church and Memorial Episcopal Church for an annual ecumenical service of worship featuring the combined choirs of all three churches. This year's service will be held at Brown Memorial.



Brown Memorial **MINISTRY OF WELCOME**

About 20 members of Brown Memorial and 10 students from The Park School gathered with an equal number of parishioners from Sacred Heart Parish on Dec. 15. Everyone shared a meal of tamales, rice and beans prepared by Sacred Heart, as well as delicious Christmas treats prepared by Brown Memorial members.

Each group shared a bit about themselves and Brown members distributed warm winter clothing collected from the congregation to give to 14 families. The Sacred Heart folks expressed a desire to meet again to hear one another's stories in greater detail. Another meeting was held on

Dec. 18 at the Parish for a simple meal, followed by a Peace Walk in the community.

If you are interested in participating in these activities organized by the Brown Memorial Ministry of Welcome to share solidarity with our immigrant friends, contact Barbara Cook, bawijobe5@gmail.com. The group will meet next on Sunday, Jan. 12 after worship in the Church House.

Brown Tutoring Program



Where Hope Takes Root

by Amani Coker-Warren, LMSW

Community School Director, Promise Heights, and
Commission Member for the Brown Tutoring Program

In 2009, a handshake planted a seed of hope for families in the Upton/Druid Heights neighborhood; that handshake was the beginning of Promise Heights. What started with work in one school has grown to include a pipeline of services through partnerships with nonprofits and faith-based organizations to improve the educational, social, health and economic opportunities of children from birth to young adulthood in the West Baltimore neighborhoods of Upton/Druid Heights, led by the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Inspired by Geoffery Canada's Harlem Children's Zone, Promise Heights implements the promise neighborhood strategy by focusing on a place (Upton/Druid Heights) and building the capacity of families to access and participate in services that support thriving children. One such program is B'More for Healthy Babies, which over the past four years has provided supports such as Circle of Security, breastfeeding support and parenting education around sleep safety in the community, and also has successfully reduced and maintained the number of sleep-related deaths in the neighborhood at zero since 2014. Parent University, an evidence-based parenting program that seeks to increase parental knowledge of child development, build social supports, increase responsive parenting behaviors and early language development, has graduated 130 caregivers since 2010. In addition, almost 3,000 tax returns have been prepared for residents as a result of the work of the Baltimore Cash Campaign and the Family Prosperity program.

The community school strategy is a crucial part of Promise Heights' involvement in the neighborhood. We have five Community Schools servicing



December Birthdays

12/01	Lynda Burton
12/01	Nick Imparato
12/02	Evangeline B. Lozada
12/02	Matthew Mickel
12/03	Cheryl Finney
12/03	Maggie Phenicie
12/04	Adam McNabney
12/04	Michaela Murphy Buc
12/05	Eloise Crew
12/05	Alexandra Mihalski
12/05	Jenny Williams
12/07	Warren Grayson
12/07	J. Courtland Robinson
12/07	Brough Schamp
12/08	Nancyellen Brennan
12/10	Viviane B. Thorpe
12/11	Cal Buikema
12/11	Gerald De Leon
12/11	Katie Rhodes
12/11	Sally S. Robinson
12/11	Samuel Todd
12/13	Audrey M. Brown
12/13	Anderson Echols
12/13	Stewart Finney
12/13	Barbara Veldhuizen
12/15	Augie Brown
12/15	Matt Mitchell
12/16	Nate Hubler
12/16	Chip Morgan Riegel
12/16	Henry Taylor
12/17	Harry Hinkle
12/18	Nicki Artes
12/18	Caroline Cross
12/18	Stephanie Shapiro
12/19	Jair Williams
12/20	Gillian Babb
12/21	Sam Kelly
12/22	Judith Arnold
12/22	Narka K. Ryan
12/23	June Carr
12/25	Robert Gorham
12/25	Kelsie Riegel Morgan
12/25	Matthew-Daniel Stremba
12/26	Carole Tayman
12/27	Julie Goodwin
12/27	Martha Thomas
12/28	Josh Boak
12/29	Rachel Cunningham
12/30	Ruth Brennan Taylor
12/31	Phyllis McIntosh



January Birthdays

01/01	Fred Lazarus
01/02	Deborah Baer Reed
01/02	Erin Powell
01/03	John Warmath
01/04	Emily Burton
01/05	Elden Schneider
01/08	Devon Smith
01/09	Yari Armand
01/09	Felix Javier
	Mota-Larson
01/09	Becky Thomson
01/10	Nathan Arnold
01/10	Katie Shaw
01/12	Lizzie Mills
01/12	Nellie Mills
01/13	Emily Bishai
01/13	Richard Cook
01/13	Ellen Fisher
01/13	Hadicha Murat-bekova
01/14	Taylor Branch
01/17	Elena Kirkpatrick
01/18	James Forward
01/19	Elizabeth Cavallon
01/20	Zakiyah Grayson
01/20	Michael Hughes
01/22	Chrystie Adams
01/23	Horace Liang
01/24	Debbie Brown
01/24	Charles McManus
01/25	David Bielenberg
01/25	Steedman Jenkins
01/27	Rebecca Adams
01/28	Charles Reichelt
01/29	Lucas Calderon
01/30	Ben Anderson

Where Hope Takes Root

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1,700 students within the neighborhood where we support family engagement, health and social supports, community development, enhanced academic enrichment and youth development, plus college and career guidance. In addition, we coordinate the collection and distribution of uniforms to about 100 students at the beginning of each year. Our Community Schools Directors—licensed social workers at each of the five schools within the Promise Neighborhood Zone—coordinate with outside programs such as the food pantry, Breathmobile, Girl Scouts, OrchKids and the Brown Memorial Tutoring Program. Students in all of our schools benefit by participating in free after-school programming, Monday through Thursday.

The Brown Memorial Tutoring Program served one of our schools, Eutaw-Marshburn, for many years, and with the advent of Promise Heights, it has become an important part of the pipeline of programs. Our Community School Director coordinates directly with Brown Tutoring staff to serve 4th and 5th-grade students who participate in the program. According to the San Diego Quick Assessment, a test that provides a reading grade level, our children are making gains. As a result of the program, students have built their phonics skills and improved their ability to perform on state standardized tests. Our students enjoy meeting with their tutors in the newly renovated space and families love attending the end of year celebration. The connections that are sustained, even over the summer through tutors sending books, are invaluable and build a love for reading.

This past summer, 200 volunteers came out on the hottest days of the year to build a new playground for Eutaw-Marshburn with Kaboom and Travelers Insurance. Members of the Brown Memorial congregation came out and lifted a hammer, dug a hole and showed up as part of the Eutaw-Marshburn Community. Promise Heights and Brown Memorial work in partnership in many ways with Eutaw-Marshburn to surround children and families with a holistic set of supports that enable them to succeed at home, in school and in the community. ♦



Volunteers with Promise Heights help beautify the new playground at Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary.

Photo courtesy of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and the @kaboom Facebook page.


PICTURE PAGE

Have you enjoyed the photos in this issue of the *Tidings*? Most, including these, were taken by a professional photographer who visited us Oct. 27-28 to capture the spirit and community at Brown Memorial. Look for more photos to be shared on browndowntown.org and in future *Tidings* to visually tell the story of our church community.



February Birthdays

02/03	Sarah B. Buikema
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 McNabney
02/10	Phil Sorensen
02/12	Bob Babb
02/13	Tom Hall
02/13	Lyndsay Taylor
02/14	Patrick Francis
02/14	Allan Riorda
02/15	Geoffrey Parsons
02/16	Andrew Liang
02/17	Anne Arnold
02/17	Ben Inglesby
02/17	Joseph Reichelt
02/17	Caroline Tracy
02/18	Christy Macy
02/19	Kensi Veatch
02/20	Oscar Bachvaroff
02/21	Henry Crew
02/22	Kathryn Wagner
02/23	Jake Cheseldine
02/24	Kyle Rae
02/25	Charles Wagandt
02/26	Steve St. Angelo
02/28	David Nyweide
02/28	Miranda Williams

 To have your birthday listed in the *Tidings*, contact Sharon Holley, church secretary, 410-523-1542, or Sharon@browndowntown.org.



BMPA Calendar

*Alive in the City
and the World*

SUNDAYS:

Mediation Circle 9:45 a.m. • Education Hour 9:45 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m.

Every Sunday, "MOTHRAA" Meditation on the Hill Reading Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Church House parlor. A meditation/AA big book study style meeting open to anyone, whether or not one identifies as an alcoholic.

Every Monday, Meditation on the Hill for Women-AA Meeting, 6:15 p.m. Church House parlor. An open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Every Wednesday, Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Church House. Join us for this topical bible discussion.

Every Thursday, Prayer Service, 5:30-6:15 p.m. A time of prayer, worship and community in the Sanctuary.

Every Thursday, Meditation on the Hill, 5:30 p.m. Church House Parlor. An open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Every Friday, Hope on the Hill AI Anon Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Church House. For family and friends of problem drinkers.

Jan. 8 & Feb. 5, Singing for the Soul, 5:30 p.m. Sing and experience a variety of inspirational chants, folk music and classic tunes in the Labyrinth. No printed music used. No musical training necessary.

Jan. 9 & Feb. 6, Queerly Beloved Small Group, 7 p.m. Michele Ward's home. Enjoy a potluck dinner, Bible study and stories. Main dish provided. Open to members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Jan. 10 & Feb. 21, Literature & Faith Group, 7 p.m. Read and discuss short narratives and poetic selections with religious themes and allusions. No reading assignments. Contact Elden, bonnieeldens@verizon.net, for information and locations.

Jan. 12, Brown Memorial Ministry of Welcome Meeting, 12:15 p.m. Church House first floor. Learn what this group has been up to and plans for a possible trip to El Salvador.

Jan. 12, Families of Faith, 4:30-7 p.m. Assembly Room. A dinner gathering for parents and children. Parents explore questions children ask about God, the Bible, faith and more while the children have activities of their own with the nursery staff.

Jan. 16 & Feb. 20, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 p.m. Enjoy support and fellowship while making prayer shawls for those in need. Contact Dianne Ross at rossinbalt@verizon.net for more information about location and to confirm dates.

Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, Theology on Tap, 7:30 p.m. Bar-based theological discussions at Blue Pit BBQ. Contact Chip, cmorganriegel@gmail.com, to confirm dates and topics.

Jan. 25 & Feb. 22, Contemplative Hiking, 9:30 a.m. For details about hikes, visit browndowntown.org/calendar.

Jan. 26, Annual Congregational Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Friends and members of the congregation are invited to gather in the Assembly Room to discuss Brown's year ahead. Childcare available.

Feb. 2, Community Potluck, 12:15 p.m. Assembly Room. Bring a dish to share.

Feb. 25, Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:30 p.m. *Details pg. 8.*

Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday Tri-Church Service of Worship, 7:30 p.m. *Details pg. 8.*

Winter Youth Activities: *Details pg. 5.*

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