

Good News from Brown Memorial Park Avenue

Presbyterian Church

# Tidings

APRIL/MAY 2021

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### Pastor's Reflection

By Michele Ward, Associate Pastor

"Bless us all that we may be truly one with the integrity of Creation. Strengthen us as inhabitants of your magnificent garden, our sacred Earth, to speak up when it is being abused and misused, to stand firm in our conviction to be faithful contributors to the health of our common home." — Excerpt from "Garden Blessing," Interfaith Power and Light

This spring, our congregation will participate in the Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week April 15-25 focused on the theme "Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Among Our Faith, Our Food, and Climate." After Earth Day on April 25, we will continue

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our learning with a sermon series through May 9 on climate and theology. As part of this series we will take a closer look at how our food systems contribute to injustice and climate change, and how our Christian faith commands us to respond through practical action. The way that we grow our food greatly shapes how we treat the world around us as well as how we treat one another. We will dig deeper into this concept by making connections about our spiritual lives, ecotheology, food practices, climate change, and environmental justice.

The idea of sacred ground is nothing new. Creation stories from various religions gravitate towards agrarian images. I am immediately reminded of one of the creation stories in Genesis. God creates people out of dust and spittle, breathing life into them. God places them in the Garden of Eden to tend and steward the land and its creatures. I am also reminded of the North American Indigenous story of Turtle Island-North America forms because soil was placed on the back of a turtle, giving our continent its name. Humanity lives in close relationship with the soil. Many cultures thrived because they lived in harmony with the natural environment, only taking what they needed, and replenishing the soil in order for it stay rich with nutrients.

Food is an integral part of our faith tradition. We use food to signify our connection to each other, to the earth, and to our spirituality. We use food in our liturgy whenever we practice the Lord's Supper, whenever we pray before a meal, and whenever we break bread with the people we love. The way we talk about the ground, the climate, the food on our tables, and our planet reflect what we believe theologically about God and our role in tending to the sacred ground all around us.

Over the course of this four week series, we will farm at Rocks N Rows Charity Garden at Rockrose City Farm. Come learn about urban reforestation at Stillmeadow Community Peace Park. We will stream and discuss the documentary Kiss the Ground, which compellingly argues for soil conservation to transform our climate on Friday, May 7.

As the "Garden Blessing" so clearly invites, may we do the work of unity with creation and act on behalf of the planet God has given us to tend. Join us as we engage our minds and hearts in stewarding the sacred ground that surrounds and supports us all.

### Session News & Notes

The following are recent actions taken and reports received by the Session.

Submitted by Laura Urban, Clerk of Session

In February, Session asked themselves and each other the question: Considering the BMPA Mission Statement, how can we choose priorities for this coming year? (The mission statement reads: "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.")

As we considered the broad goals of the statement in light of this current moment in the life of our congregation, particularly considering our year under Covid restrictions, we chose the following priorities to focus our attention and the efforts of the congregation this coming year.

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#### ■ Return from Pandemic

Re-gathering as a community for worship, fellowship, education, and other activities will be the top concern this year. Session created an ad hoc Returning to BMPA Team, to quickly and nimbly make recommendations for how and when to return safely. The team of staff and lay leaders will consider both public health recommendations and the congregation's needs. (Elders: Liz Bowie, Gayle Barney, Andi Zumbrum; Staff: Andrew Connors) The group will also identify community-building needs both during & after the Pandemic.

#### Communications

Strengthening channels of communication both within the congregation and beyond it will be critical as we consider what activities will occur in 2021. First up: Bill Sheridan is leading an effort to create a climate survey of the congregation. Please respond when you get the link in the email! Also, Session will help facilitate a communication "audit" of our available communication tools to consider how and when to use them all effectively. Additional volunteers are welcome for this project! (Elders: Bill Sheridan, Aidan Connors, Mike Reed, Lyndsay Taylor; Staff: Rachel Cunningham)

#### ■ Peace and Justice Work

BMPA has many avenues to be active in the world beyond our own walls. This year, we identified the efforts of the Anti-Racism Task Force and the Green Team will be of particular priority. The Anti-Racism work has two primary focuses: personal action and community action. For personal action, the Task Force is preparing to launch discussion groups this spring or summer based on the book *Me and White Supremacy: Combating Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla Saad. For community-focused work, the Task Force is asking the question: In what ways can BMPA be part of the movement for racial reparative justice, particularly in light of BMPA's founders' connection to the American industrial economy (e.g., the cotton industry)? How can we use our resources to leverage systemic change? These conversations are only just beginning.

In addition, BMPA will continue to embrace it's long-standing membership and leadership role in the community organizing work of BUILD (Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development). Our commitment to this broad-based, non-partisan, interfaith, multiracial community power organization is a direct expression of our Christian conviction to fight for peace and justice. (Elders: Joseph Reichelt, Aidan Connors, Amy Bonitz Palmer, Andi Zumbrum; Staff: Andrew Connors)

Two additional activities will also become a focus for elders this year, as described below.

#### Second Mile Capital Campaign

**2021** is the end of our 5-year campaign to raise funds to renovate the South Tower and the Fellowship Hall for increased safety, accessibility, and usability. While we completed the vital repairs and renovations, the fundraising has not been completed. Later this year, we will launch a campaign burst to finish our commitment. More information will be announced in the next issue of the Tidings. (Elders: Laura Urban, Brad Norris; Staff: Andrew Connors)

#### Christian Education/Spiritual Formation committee

In recent years there has not been a functioning committee or team of lay leaders to give energy and leadership to education and spiritual formation for both children and adults. This year, we will work to "re-boot" lay leadership in this area, led by Mike Reed (college, young adults, adults and small groups) and Lyndsay Taylor (infants, children, middle school, high school), working with staff members Michele Ward and Rachel Cunningham. Additional volunteers are welcome in this effort.

In addition to responsibilities named above, elders are taking other leadership roles in other areas of church life, as follows: Jody Shaw (treasurer, budget, Investment Committee); Brad Norris (stewardship; small groups), Vi Thorpe (Brown Tutoring commission member & liaison), Bill Sheridan (Presbytery Commissioner); Amy Bonitz Palmer (Personnel Committee); Lyndsay Taylor (Nominating Committee); Laura Urban (clerk), Joseph Reichelt (Midtown Youth Collective), Gayle Barney (150th Anniversary, Diversity Committee); Al Fisher (new members).

**Organ Celebration Concert** 

**APRIL 25, 2021 AT 3 PM** 

#### **ADAGIO** — From Organ Concerto #10 - G.F. Handel

Arr. by Alexandre Guilmant (first piece played on the organ at its dedication by Dr. John H. Eltermann, Organist and Director of Music at Brown Memorial)

### **CANTABILE SYMPHONIQUE** — From Symphony #3 in C Minor Op. 78 by Camille Saint-Saens

Arr. by Virgil Fox (Organist at Brown Memorial from 1936-1945) **SUITE IN FRENCH STYLE** — Richard Ross (Director of Music and Organist at Brown Memorial from 1946-1954)

- I. Grand Jeu
- II. Invocation

#### **INCANTATION POUR UN JOUR SAINT** — Jean

Langlais (Organist/Composer who performed at Brown Memorial and a colleague of Richard Ross)

#### **SYMPHONIE V** — Charles-Marie Widor

IV. Adagio

V. Toccata

(in memory of Franklin Eugene Belt who served as Assistant Organist and then Director of Music from 1950-2001. This was one of the last pieces that "Gene" played before his death).

#### **IN MEMORIAM** — Alfred V. Fedak

(Commissioned by Michael Britt (2015) and played in memory of all the organists that have served at Brown Memorial Church).

#### **CONCERT SAMBA FOR ORGAN** — Joe Utterback

(Commissioned by Brown Memorial Church (2016) in honor of Dr. John Walker in celebration of his career as a teacher, performer and Minister of Music. John served as Minister of Music at Brown Memorial from 2004-2011).

#### **INTERMISSION**

#### **TRIPTYCH** (2021) — Alfred V. Fedak

Commissioned by Brown Memorial Church Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Skinner Pipe Organ

- I. A Trumpet Rondo
- II. Elegy (in memory of Ernest M. Skinner)
- III. Introduction and Toccata on "Weisse Flaggen"







### 90th Anniversary of

#### **ERNEST M. SKINNER PIPE ORGAN**

April 25, 2021 at 3 pm

n Sunday morning, April 26, 1931 the newly-constructed Chancel at Brown Memorial along with our beloved Ernest Skinner Pipe Organ was dedicated.

On April 25, 2021, we will celebrate the 90th anniversary of this beautiful space and instrument at a concert given by our Minister of Music and Organist, Michael T. Britt.

As many of you know, our pipe organ was one of the last "signature" organs built by the Ernest Skinner Company before the company's merger with the Aeolian Organ Company in 1932. It represents Skinner's finest work within the organ industry and is one of his last surviving "symphonic" instruments of its size in the United States that has remained tonally unaltered.

The program will be a tribute not only to Mr. Skinner but to the many organists and choral conductors that have served at Brown Memorial after the organ was installed. This concert will feature the world premiere of an organ work by Alfred V. Fedak which was commissioned for this occasion.

This event will also include interviews with Peter Scott, grandson of Ernest Skinner, Jonathan Ambrosino, pipe organ historian and Michael Hart, the curator of our organ. These interviews will be conducted by Tom Hall, host of Baltimore's "Midday" radio program and Director of Music Emeritus of the Baltimore Choral Arts Society.

At this time, we are making decisions to have a small audience, 40 person, in our sanctuary for this celebration which will also be live-streamed. Pre-registration is required for in-person participation. Please check our website calendar for more information.

## Zoom Conversation WITH FORMER PASTOR

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Following Sunday Worship

On Sunday, May 2, 2021 as part of our ongoing celebration of Brown Memorial's 150th anniversary, Pastor David Malone, who served our congregation from 1979, when the church's survival was in doubt, until 1989, will share some of his favorite memories, stories, and reflections from the momentous years that he spent with us. This conversation will begin on Zoom shortly after the worship service and last for about 50 minutes. We hope that you will join us to hear this beloved man's "Stories of Hope and Faith."

### FAREWELL TO Amy Munds

By Terri Smith, Commission Member

hen I first met Amy Munds, I noticed her easy going and gentle manner with people. When I saw her with children, I knew she was in her element because she listened patiently, laughed frequently, and responded authentically. I think many of us have seen this gift of Amy working with children.

Amy will be leaving Brown Memorial Tutoring after this school year to join her husband in the United Kingdom. Her husband has landed a job as a principal horn player for the Royal Opera House in London, a position he worked hard on attaining for over a year. This unique opportunity also allows her to be with her twenty-five year old daughter who lives in northeast England.

Amy has been at Brown Memorial Tutoring program since 2014. When she was at church one Sunday years ago, she ran into Maryann Povell who convinced her to join the tutoring program. At that time, Maryann and Coppie MacFarlane were Co-Assistants to the program with the Director, Martha Socolar. Amy had some previous experience with teaching students who had learning challenges because her son had needed some reading support and she had worked at Baltimore Montessori. She quickly took a crash course in Orton-Gillingham and started tutoring students. The very next year she stepped in to fill Maryann's shoes as the Co-Assistant Director with Coppie MacFarlane. Then Coppie stepped out of the role and she became the Assistant Director. Since then, she has been a jack of all trades as she has worked with tutors, teachers, principals, school liaisons, and of course students! She has worked to help find students who are a good fit for the Brown program and match them with the strengths of a tutor. She has helped to train tutors in using the Orton-Gillingham methodology and the materials to support their instruction. She has supported Martha over the years with determining fresh themes each year, working with parents, managing behavior issues, or planning Book Clubs and celebrations.

Amy has seen a lot of changes over the last few years as the tutoring space was renovated and modernized, new materials were purchased and old ones purged, and recently online programs and activities were prepared and initiated. The integrity of the program has remained the same though, and she believes that the theme-based activities, tutor training, and special activities are some of the highlights of the program. She has especially enjoyed the relationship she has had with Martha as they've bounced ideas off each other, supported each other, or stretched each other to try new things, especially this year! She loves the programming and planning aspect with Martha, shopping and party planning, thinking of creative incentives for the students, planning tutor luncheons, pizza parties, and the big end of the year celebration.

Amy teared up when asked what she will miss about the last seven years at Brown because she has made so many friends and learned so much more than she feels she ever gave. She will miss laughing with Martha and the camaraderie they have shared over the years. She was especially fond of lunch bunch with the tutors who came early. She loved receiving daily hugs from the kids and how they made her stop and really listen. She realized they had so much to teach her and that her preconceived ideas were out of whack! She loved her smart and loving students.

When asked about Amy's departure, Martha said, "Amy has been a wonderful partner in running this program. I will definitely miss her calming influence, her cheerful disposition, her problem-solving skills, and her willingness to step in and help whenever a challenging situation arose."

Amy has appreciated the support the church community has given the program over the years. She is grateful for the church staff and how they trusted the directors of the program, and for the congregation who recognized the value of the program. In fact, many of the tutors have come from



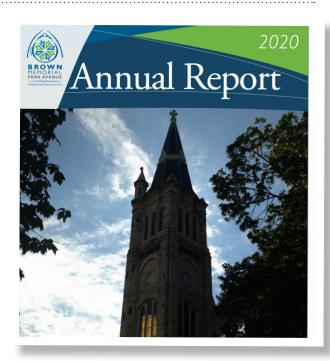


the congregation and many in the congregation support it monetarily. Many people from the congregation joined them for Opening Day activities, or came to play instruments for the students, or dropped in just to say hello to the tutors. The end-of-year celebratory party was always well attended and supported by church members and staff. It was a big undertaking organizing a pizza dinner, entertainment, and preparing the students to perform for their parents. Additionally, Rachel Cunningham provided tremendous support with helping them transition to an online program this year and assisted them with the newly implemented background checks on tutors.

Amy Munds has given so generously of her time, talents, and love of teaching. She is looking forward to exploring the U.K. with her husband since they are now empty nesters, but she knows she will always want to volunteer or work in some capacity educating children, maybe combining her love of nature with an outside education position. It is with a grateful heart that the Board says farewell and wishes her all the best in her new adventure.

### **Annual Report**

s we look back on 2020 and look forward to 2021, what brings the most pride and hope is that the church found a way to be church—the living, breathing, body of Christ in the world—suffering with, proclaiming, healing, hoping, longing, laughing, and grieving together. Our 2020 Annual Report shares reflections from our pastor, clerk report, photographs from the past year, as well as a financial summary. The Annual Report was mailed to members and it can also be downloaded from <a href="mailto:browndowntown.org/newsletter">browndowntown.org/newsletter</a>.



### Brown Memorial Trustee's Update

Spring has sprung around Brown, and though we have not been able to join together to worship and enjoy the beauty of our physical spaces of the church, the Trustees have focused on preparing for our eventual return to worship and group activities. As we have grown more accustomed to meeting over zoom and working together remotely, we still look forward to the day we can return to Brown and meeting in person. Through the winter and spring, the Trustees have been directing upgrades and maintenance to the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Church House. In the Fellowship Hall, a new high-efficiency water heater was installed, and the south chimney was capped to prevent water infiltration. Rubber threshold ramps were installed at the Sanctuary and Chancel entrances to improve accessibility. Additionally, a new exterior light was mounted at the front doors to the Church House to provide additional light at the entrance.

The Trustees are also working on plans for several projects in the spring and throughout the rest of 2021. Windows on the North Tower and Sanctuary are being caulked and repainted once the weather turns warmer. In the Courtyard, a new fence is being installed around the heating and cooling units to complement the Green Team's plans for renovating that space, and also to help alleviate some of the noise caused by the cooling units during the summer. Additionally, initial stabilization work on the North Tower, which has suffered water damage over the years, has begun, and a grant is being pursued with the Maryland Historic Trust to assist in funding additional repairs, slated to begin in winter 2022.

### **Youth Events**

#### **SPRING SNL SERIES**

TED & Theology from 5:30 to 7 pm

Meditate, discuss, and reflect on TED talks and play games together this spring! SNL gatherings may be online, or in person, dependent upon the current health guidelines due to the covid19 pandemic.

- Sunday, April 18 with Dylan Marron: Empathy is not endorsement
- Sunday May 23 with Erica Chenoweth: The success of nonviolent resistance

#### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

Sunday, May 16 at 11 am

Celebrate with members of our youth group as they become confirmed members of the church. Confirmands will lead the congregation in worship and share their faith statements during this special service.

MEDITATIONS, SCRIPTURE REFLECTION, AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO HELP YOUTH GROUPS ENGAGE 6 POPULAR TED TALKS

## TED AND THEOLOGY FOR YOUTH GROUPS

#### FEATURING:

Shawn Achor: The happy secret to better work

Erica Chenoweth: The success of nonviolent resistance

Takaharu Tezuka: The best kindergarten you've ever

seen

Drew Dudley: Everyday Leadership Mena Fombo: No. You cannot touch my hair! Dylan Marron: Empathy is not endorsement

> BY JEN KIDWELL

### Preparation is the Work

### Anti-Racism Steering Committee

Barbara J. Love posits "Many members of society, both those who benefit from as well as those who are placed at disadvantage, want to work for social change to reduce inequity and bring about greater justice, yet continue to behave in ways that preserve and perpetuate the existing system. This happens because humans are products of their socialization and follow the habits of mind and thought that have been instilled in them." This statement reminds me that living into the beloved community of antiracism means doing the work of recognizing and unlearning the socialized habits of racism that permeate all parts of our lives.

Last December, during the preparation season of Advent, we embarked on that work of recognition and unlearning in a 3-part learning racial equity series with Dr. Durryle Brooks. We shared our race stories because that is the work of building awareness, we defined terms for antiracism and applied those terms to our own experience, and we explored love and allyship together. Six hours of Zoom training on antiracism both felt like a lot of time and not enough—every single session resulted in some folks staying behind and wanting to explore more.

We are now in the New Year and in another preparation season and the work still continues. The anti-racism

steering committee is continuing to meet and design more learning experiences to explore race, developing a deeper understanding of our history and how we respond to it, and visioning the process for how we discern our path forward.

In the coming months, you can expect to engage together in learning about our church's history and begin to build a framework for how we respond and repair in our community. We will also be creating some racial affinity spaces and some multi-racial communities to continue to practice the skills we learned about in December on communicating about race. At the same time as these experiences, the committee and session will be getting very clear on our definition of an anti-racist congregation and then setting goals and objectives to achieve that definition. As well, we will be looking at our current ministries in the church and thinking of ways that those could be more anti-racist based on the definition, goals, and objectives and building those skills and relationships to enact changes.

Looking forward to doing the work of building the skills and the muscles of being liberation workers together with you all and pursuing the love and justice we are called to by our faith.

### Sacred Ground

### Cultivating Connections Among Our Faith, Our Food, and Climate

#### KISS THE GROUND WATCH PARTY & DISCUSSION

Friday, May 7 at 7 pm

Watch and reflect upon the film Kiss the Ground, a documentary that compellingly argues for soil conservation to transform our climate.

### FIELD TRIP AND WORKDAY AT STILLMEADOW PEACE PARK WITH DR. MCKAY JENKINS

Saturday, May 15 at 10 am

Learn from urban forestry experts and hear stories of transformation while working to renew this 10 acre forest in Southwest Baltimore. RSVP to McKay Jenkins at <a href="mailto:mckay@udel.edu">mckay@udel.edu</a>. Bring lunch, water, and snacks.

# **Green Team**Volunteer Opportunities

#### **ROCKS N ROWS CHARITY GARDEN**

Rockrose City Farm

9 am to 12 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Tuesdays on April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 11, 18, 25
- Thursdays on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20, 27

#### **URBAN REFORESTATION**

Stillmeadow Community Peace Park 10 am to 1 pm on Saturdays

Saturdays on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Contact McKay Jenkins at <a href="mailto:mckay@udel.edu">mckay@udel.edu</a> to volunteer at either of our Green Team sites this spring.





#### April Birthdays

04/02 Jack Hodges04/03 Drew Johnston

04/03 Ruskin Nohe-Moren

04/06 Elizabeth Nash

04/06 Hannah Bobango

04/06 Shannon Bobango

04/06 James Schuman

04/07 George Bareford04/07 Liz Bowie Fesperman

04/07 Ed Hambleton

04/07 Jake Schindler

04/08 Rachel Aaron

04/08 Larry Fletcher-Hill

04/11 Sarah Egan

04/11 William Egan

04/11 Lucille McCarthy

04/11 Jeanne Thomas

04/I2 Ernest Imhoff

04/13 James Cavallon

04/13 Annalisa Jenkins

04/I5 Annika Brockman

04/I5 Karoon Armand 04/I6 Brittany Soeun

04/17 April Flores

04/17 Kathy Graning

04/18 Dever Cunningham

04/19 Barbara Cates

04/19 Annie Schindler

04/20 Mary Mashburn

04/21 Caleb Soeun

04/22 Greta Finney

04/22 Alex Hagen

04/24 Gareth Reiman

04/24 Ben Waldron

04/25 Red Finney

04/25 Clementine Hensley

04/26 Chloe Cheseldine

04/26 Kenna Emerick

04/27 Andrew Connors

04/29 Freddie Courpas

04/29 Jean Savina

04/30 Katie Egan

### May Birthdays

05/01 Laura S. Urban 05/02 Aaron McNabney 05/04 Tom McManus 05/04 **Teddy Obrecht** Elizabeth Reichelt 05/05 05/06 Ashley Boumgarden 05/07 **David Rollison** 05/08 Julian Finney 05/09 **Emily Hutson** 05/09 Charlie Obrecht 05/10 Barbara Clippinger 05/10 Sue Galusha-Bobango 05/11 Matthew Fedderly 05/11 Khoa Nguyen 05/13 **Josephine Finney** 05/14 Diane Hodges 05/16 Patreena Parsons 05/17 Margaret McManus 05/17 **Andrew Ross** 05/18 **Caroline Anderson** 05/20 Carolyn Marks 05/21 Art Hall 05/21 Mary Jane Sokol 05/22 Michael Asike 05/22 **Nancy Bradford** 05/23 Page Campbell 05/23 Hazel Taylor **Emily Reed** 05/25 05/26 Laura McNabney 05/27 Ellen Carter Cooper 05/27 **Jackson Mills** Landon Reiman 05/28

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

Kim Beers

**Andrew Winters** 

Jim Edrington

Kim Norman

05/30 05/30

05/31

05/31

### **Montreat Youth Conference**

**CALLED TO CONNECT: AUGUST 2-6, 2021** 

#### Cost: \$100 per participant

Scholarships available; please inquire with Rev. Michele Ward to apply Grades: Rising 7th to Graduating 12th

#### About Montreat Youth Conference

A Montreat Youth Conference affirms youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to help youth come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God and to be a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. We seek to be an inclusive space where each voice can be heard and where each heart can be molded; where change is invited, challenge is expected, and where all are embraced.

#### About the Theme: Called to Connect

We have spent the last year, and more, in a season of disconnect through our challenges and circumstances. God calls us to be connected in all aspects of life. Through the stories of Mary and Martha, Jacob and Esau, Jeremiah, and many others, we are reminded that we are all interconnected in God's intentional actions. Join us as we explore the many ways that we can reconnect to live out God's call.

#### What to Expect

Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church youth group will join us again. We will gather online from 3:30-5 pm for small groups and in person from 6-7:30 pm for dinner and games in local parks in Baltimore City. Covid-19 precautions such as mask wearing, social distancing, and no touch games will take place while we are at the park.





### BMPA Calendar

## Alive in the City and the World

# VIRTUAL WORSHIP and GATHERINGS

The Church, in its most basic, original incarnation, is the web of relationships that God brings together across time and distance. Please join us as we bridge this distance virtually, each week, and continue to gather for worship, prayer, study, and fellowship.

**SUNDAY MORNING:** Join us live on Zoom via your computer or phone for the Education Hour beginning at 9:45 am followed by Worship at 11 am. Visit **browndowntown.org** to access the Zoom links, passwords, and dial-in phone numbers. Links are also provided for the hymns and bulletins.

**PAST SERMONS:** In addition to joining us live every Sunday, you can read, watch or listen to past sermons at browndowntown.org/sermons, or visit and subscribe to our YouTube channel at <a href="mailto:browndowntown.org">browndowntown.org</a>

**OTHER GATHERINGS:** Visit our website to view our full calendar and sign up for our weekly email, "This Week @ Brown," for the latest news and Zoom links for small group and committee gatherings.

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