Good News from Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Reflection

By Andrew Connors, Senior Pastor

"I'm hugging. Are you hugging?" The question hung in the air at a recent block party I attended. I was unsure how to respond. My uncertainty did not come from a lack of knowledge. Attending the weekly "Returning to Brown" committee meetings, I have stayed up to date on the most recent scientific updates on Covid transmission including the recent CDC decisions essentially declaring that vaccinated people can resume all the activities that they participated in prior to the pandemic. Just this morning I heard Dr. Fauci, himself, explain that the guidance was changed because the research shows that except in unusual cases, fully vaccinated people rarely contract Covid, when they do they are not in danger of serious illness, and their viral loads

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are so small that they do not infect others with the virus. No, my uncertainty came from the fact that it's been a year and a half since a stranger asked if they could hug me. I took a deep breath, turned my head, and consented to the embrace. It felt both liberating and frightening.

With several months of vaccines out in the world, I think it's safe to say that we are all learning together that reopening everything is proving much more difficult than shutting it down. The reason is fairly simple. When the pandemic first hit us, the guidance for everyone was basically the same. Now the guidance shifts according to vaccination status which is not something that everyone can achieve largely since children are ineligible to be vaccinated at this point and time, and also because, individuals with significant health concerns may still elect to stay home. And still others are having a difficult time with the psychological reality of disrupting the Covid bubbles we have built to risk returning to the world.

The fact that some of us are in different places from each other at this moment in time can lead toward greater understanding or it can lead toward tension and even division. As I write this the week prior to Pentecost, I'm reminded that the primary gift that the Holy Spirit brings to the church is the ability-for a group of people from diverse backgrounds and situations-to listen. To really hear one another. That gift has never been more important as we return. Listening, of course, doesn't mean automatically adopting someone else's perspective or way of being. It means entering their own story, their own perspective with the hope of relating to it in a way that makes room for the possibility that we are changed, if not in our perspective, then in our love for one another. Some of the tensions we may experience together are ones, I confess, I have not been anticipating.

Priya Parker, in a recent interview with Brene Brown, said that people who are returning from Pandemic need to prepare themselves for a series of "micro rejections." Hugs and invitations will be turned down by people who are not able (for health reasons) or ready to receive them. It's important, she said, that we remind ourselves that these rejections are not personal to the one issuing the invitation. I took her admonitions to mean that we are preparing to enter a season of awkwardness with each other. A good way to prepare for that season is with an open, playful heart that is more curious than judging. Curious about what you will be comfortable with in your own relating, and curious about others and their choices.

The Returning to Brown team is well aware of all of these considerations. They have been working hard to create policies, procedures, and organize teams of people to make our return to our facilities as safe and as enjoyable as possible in a season when the rules seem to change by the hour. I hope you will extend to them your thanks for all of their hard work. In our meetings, we've been guided by two overarching principles:

■ The committee's job is to create policies that make it possible for as many people as possible to return safely to our facilities and to communicate those decisions to the congregation. Using this information, it is incumbent on each member of our church to review these policies and make the best decision possible for the health and wellbeing of themselves and their family.

■ We will continue to make our worship services as inclusive as possible for offering in person and virtual options that bring together our church whether in the sanctuary or online.

Likely, by the time you receive your copy of The Tidings, those policies will have changed at least once if not multiple times. Fortunately, the Pentecostal spirit that informs our best hopes of abiding together as a congregation called together by the God who abides with us, is never out of date. I hope to see you in church—whether in sanctuary or online!

Session News & Notes

The following are recent actions taken and reports received by the Session. Submitted by Laura Urban, Clerk of Session

■ Received monthly reports from the Return to Brown Team to hear their update on their considerations on when and how to offer in-person worship and other events. The first in-person event was the Good Friday Tenebrae Service, which was attended by 30 people, including pastors, soloist, and ushers. Despite preparing for Sunday in-person (and virtual) services to begin in mid-April, the Team delayed those plans when the city continued to experience spikes in Covid cases. Rather, the Team chose to host the first in-person service on May 16, 2021 which was held for Youth Confirmands and their families only.

■ Received report from the Christian Education/ Spiritual Formation Team. Elders Lyndsay Taylor and Michael Reed, with staff Rachel Cunningham and Rev. Michele Ward, are forming a new team to review curricular offerings and develop a proposal for programs / offerings in the upcoming academic year. They are considering all members of our community, from the very youngest to the oldest participants. Approved joining the new Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition, as recommended by the Diversity Committee. This is a new coalition, founded in 2020 by Ryan Sattler, a Baltimore Catholic activist, to host events and actions to be allies to the Black Lives Matter Movement. See Page Campbell for more information.

Met with Deacon leaders Kathy Arnold and David Lascu to hear what their challenges and successes have been this past year. Two deacons have resigned their positions; Session requested the Nominating Committee seek two candidates to fill those classes.

■ Hosted a congregational survey, led by Bill Sheridan and Andi Zumbrum, to assess worship needs / interests and the impact of Covid 19. In the preliminary results, 67 percent of respondents said they would like to see a hybrid service (in-person and virtual) be available in the future.

MUSIC NOTES Hymn Sings and Summer Concerts at Brown Memorial

HYMN SINGS

Wednesday, June 30 from 6 to 7 pm Wednesday, August 4 from 6 to 7 pm

June and August Hymn sings will be held on the front steps of our sanctuary. In July, we are tentatively moving the location to a pavilion in Druid Hill Park where we will join forces with members of Memorial Episcopal Church! Please check our website as well as "This Week at Brown" for updated information.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Friday, July 2 at 7 pm Friday, July 30 at 7 pm

Silent film accompanied by organist Michael Britt. Friday, July 2 at 7 pm in our sanctuary. "Three Ages" — 1923 starring Buster Keaton

Friday, July 30 at 7 pm Front steps of our Sanctuary Program TBA

A TUTORING YEAR Like No Other

By Rob Kasper

For Brown Memorial tutors this past year was a year like no other. Blocked by the coronavirus pandemic from their usual routine of meeting students from four Baltimore schools for face to face get-togethers on the third floor of Fellowship Hall, tutors fired up their home computers and switched to Zoom for their weekly one-hour sessions on reading.

The logistics of linking up with students was often challenging. Sometimes students didn't have workable computers in their homes so tutors connected using telephones. Sometimes a student wasn't home at the appointed time so he or she was tracked down at a relative's home. Often the WiFi feed would fade in mid-session so tutors became accustomed to waiting until the link winked back on.

Yet the program continued. Students learned, although maybe not as fast as in prior years. And some tutors who were initially doubtful of their tech savvy, later mastered sharing screens, chatting online, and retrieving material from online sources.

As the year wound to a close, a handful of tutors responded to a request from Tidings to reflect on their experiences of the past months.

One common theme was how rare and valuable the quiet, face-to-face sessions of prior years were.

As tutor Ellen Fisher put it "tutoring was easier when we were able to meet at Brown Memorial. Our small tutoring rooms have so many fewer distractions for the student than are present in the home."

Another common issue for tutors was coping with competing background noise. Often students shared space with family members, some watching television, some engaged in computer games. In one instance, when a student's rambunctious brother kept answering questions posed





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for his sibling the tutor decided to make the session a family affair. The brothers took turns answering phonetics questions and doing jumping jacks.

Carole Tayman described her first year as a tutor as "enlightening and rewarding in more ways than I expected and yet I have never been more challenged in teaching with so many significant issues." The WiFi connection used by her first grader froze an average of more than 10 times a session, she said.

Tutor Bobbie Cook started the past year encouraging her nine-year-old student to read books over the telephone. Eventually the student got a computer notebook from school and "took to it like a duck takes to water," Cook said. It was also a learning experience for her, Cook said. "I found it quite exciting to learn how to share the screen, pass the remote, and use screen material with my student."

Liz Pope reported that the fourth and fifth grade girls she tutored were "patient with all my technology blunders. Yet week after week they showed up on Zoom. I think that says something about this program. I am thankful I had my girls to break up the monotony of the pandemic." Several tutors noted that, despite obstacles, their students had made progress. As Fisher said of her second grader "he is a stronger reader today than he was a year ago, though I think we would have made more progress if we had been able to meet in person."

Cook summed up the year this way. "It was not as good as working face to face, however it was better than not working at all."

Program director Martha Socolar noted that a recent study of literacy tutoring in Baltimore by The Abell Foundation recommended the style of one on one tutoring used by Brown Memorial as the most effective way to help students make up learning deficits incurred during the pandemic.

Reinforcing that point tutor Sharon Winternitz said the past year working remotely with two students had confirmed her belief that "I don't think there is anything better than working with a student in one on one, in-person tutoring sessions."

As for next year Socolar said "I think it safe to say that all of us students and tutors alike are looking forward to returning to in-person tutoring in Brown Memorial."



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Green Team Food Justice Important Actions to Make a Difference

By Page Campbell and Emily Reed

When you think about actions you can take to help reduce the effects of climate change, you may think about driving a more fuel-efficient car, riding a bike instead of driving, or using solar energy in your house. While these actions are all important and helpful, the Green Team Food Justice Group has been exploring the often overlooked link between food choices and climate change, specifically the beneficial impact of eating more plant-based foods and less meat and dairy. In fact, a recent <u>University of Oxford study</u> found that "A vegan diet is probably the single biggest way to reduce your impact on planet Earth, not just greenhouse gases, but global acidification, eutrophication [excessive richness of nutrients in a lake or other body of water], land use and water use."

Leaders in the Presbyterian church have come out in favor of eating less meat and dairy and see <u>diet</u> change as a way to mitigate climate change, stating "as a connectional church, we can inspire one another to choose behaviors that jibe with our beliefs in the sacredness of life and God's creation." When one considers the inhumane ways in which animals raised for mass consumption are treated, where they become units of production rather than individual sentient beings deserving of care and respect, it is clear how far we have come from the stewardship of God's creation we were entrusted to be. After all, we learn from Ecclesiastes 3:19 that "what happens to people also happens to animals… in fact, they all breathe the same way, so that a human being has no superiority over an animal."

The Green Team is looking at ways that as a church, we can inspire one another to make food choices that reflect our care for the earth. For example, Deb Baer and her daughter Emily Reed shared on May 16 in a post-service talk about the ethics involved in their decision to become vegans and how that also became a spiritual journey. Central to their talk was a question taken from a book by Earthling Ed: "If we don't have to kill God's creatures, do you not think a kind, compassionate, benevolent God would rather that we didn't?"

Up to 40% of all food is wasted in this country. While most of that waste occurs in supermarkets and restaurants, we can all do our part to reduce it. We encourage church members to become more aware of these issues and to develop their own plans for reducing meat and dairy in their daily round. For example, there are now many meat substitutes available in supermarkets that look and taste remarkably like animal-based meat including Impossible beef and Beyond Meat. Just be sure to choose those with minimal ingredients, ample protein and reasonable amounts of saturated fats and sodium. In addition, there are tasty vegan alternatives to mayonnaise, butter, cheese, etc.

RESOURCE GUIDES

How To Guide to Start Incorporating More Plant-Based Foods <u>www.vegresources.com/guide/how-do-i-start-going-vegan/</u> A Prayer for Compassion Movie <u>http://aprayerforcompassion.com/#band-section</u>

PRO TIP

Some folks are concerned that shifting their diet toward more plant-based options will result in a protein deficiency. Not to worry! <u>Most Americans get twice as much protein as they need</u>, and there are risks associated with eating too much protein. Good plant-based sources of protein are beans (especially when combined with brown rice), lentils, edamame, tofu, tempeh, grains, quinoa, green peas, nuts, seeds, bok choy, water-cress, and Brussels sprouts. The graphic from Purely Happy Kitchen can help you incorporate protein-rich plant foods into your diet.

June Birthdays

06/02	Billy Clippinger
06/03	Mary MacLeod Kelly
06/04	Will Brockman
06/04	Sarah Reiman
06/05	Emy Urban
06/06	, Lorrie Liang
06/07	Lydia Beasley
06/09	Kelly Knock
06/10	Erika Brockman
06/10	Exel Estrada
06/10	Cal Riorda
06/11	Caleb Brennan Taylor
06/12	Erin Emerick
06/12	Abby Jackson
06/12	Kathy Kaneda
06/12	Mary Obrecht
06/12	Gregory Brightbill
06/13	Will Coulson
06/13	Robert Marshall
06/15	Justin Garcia-Bunuel
06/15	Jacob Thompson
06/15	Linnet Jones
06/17	Madison Riorda
06/19	Rain Hall
06/19	
06/19	Trevor Hoffberger Gretchen van Utt
06/20 06/21	Jake Lucas
	Lily Bradford
06/21	Joe Schindler
06/22	Nancy Bandiere Peter Coulson
06/22	
06/22	Rebecca Crew
06/22	Tom Stewart
06/22	Jihar Williams
06/23	Max Palmer
06/24	Patti Flowers-Coulsor
06/26	Graham Bishai
06/26	Emmett Dahl
06/26	Madora Henson
06/26	Kerry Johnston
06/28	Hervey Evans
06/28	Maggie Johnston
06/28	Jack Mitchell
06/28	Ella Palmer
06/29	Judson Arnold
06/30	Paul Newill-Schamp

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Chickpeas and Rice

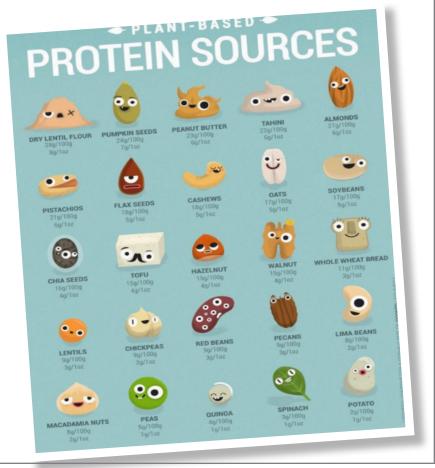
Basic ingredients are chickpeas, olive oil, garlic, red pepper flakes and prepared grain. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Drain and rinse chickpeas (use at least one 15 oz. can per person). Put drained chickpeas in a bowl with minced garlic (2 or 3 cloves), salt, and red pepper flakes (to taste) and coat with olive oil. Pour into the pan and spread out in a single layer. Toast in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes depending on how crispy you like the chickpeas, lightly toasted to golden brown. Just don't let them get to the "dried out" phase.

More Recipe Ideas

■ Thai Vegan Sweet Potato Recipe <u>www.acouplecooks.com/thai-baked</u>-<u>sweet-potatoes/</u>

Spicy Baked Peanut Tofu <u>https://shortgirltallorder.com/baked-tofu-with-spicy-peanut-sauce</u>

Vegan Red Lentil Curry <u>https://rainbowplantlife.com/vegan-red-lentil-curry/</u>



Green Team Volunteer Opportunities

ROCKS N ROWS CHARITY GARDEN

Rockrose City Farm

9 am to 12 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays

We are firmly in planting season! If you are able, please consider joining us at Rocks N Rows Charity Garden as we make sure our plants have enough water to grow! We are also in need of weekend volunteers! For more information, please email Contact McKay Jenkins at <u>mckay@udel.edu</u> to volunteer at either of our Green Team sites this summer.

URBAN REFORESTATION

Stillmeadow Community Peace Park

10 am to 1 pm on Saturdays

Contact McKay Jenkins at <u>mckay@udel.edu</u> to volunteer at either of our Green Team sites this summer.

COMPOST AT HOME WITH BMPA

The church is also planning to compost fruit and vegetable scraps as well as coffee grounds when we start meeting and eating together again, and will continue to offer vegan options at our communal meals. We can all compost in our homes and either use the resulting material in our gardens, donate it to a local urban farm or take it to a nearby Mom's Organic Market. Brown members can also compost using a group rate through the church. Any household living in Baltimore City is eligible. The current rate is \$24 per month and could drop even lower if more people sign up. Weekly pick up is on Thursdays. Register directly on the Compost Crew registration page using coupon code BrownMemComposts. Sign up at https://customers.compostcrew.com/create-account/.

COURTYARD PROJECT UPDATE

BMPA received a \$5,000 Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant for the purchase and installation of stormwater cisterns, native plants, and signage for the courtyard garden. Cistern installation will begin in mid-July.

July Birthdays

07/02 Parker Matthews 07/03 Howard De Hoff 07/03 Peter Hoffberger 07/03 **Stuart Mitchell** 07/03 **Henry Owens** 07/03 **Tom Waldron** 07/05 Will Fesperman 07/06 **Michael Britt** 07/06 **lovce Edington** 07/06 Hannah Milcarek 07/06 J. D. Robinson 07/09 **Rob Tracy** 07/09 Lorenzo Zapata 07/12 Anna Connors 07/12 **Rose Glorioso** 07/13 Andrew Babb 07/14 **Eric Echols** 07/15 Whitney Boles 07/15 Dan Hale 07/16 Ann Teaff 07/18 **Rachel Emerick** 07/19 John Boumgarden 07/19 **Rachel Clark** 07/21 **Hilbert Byers** 07/22 **Reginald Carroll** 07/22 Wells Obrecht 07/24 **Courtney Abrams** 07/24 **Doug Adams** 07/24 Veronica Nash-Pappalardo 07/28 **Erin Bobango** 07/29 Ian Munds 07/30 Matthew Dahl

August Birthdays

08/01	Deb Milcarek
08/01	Malinda Peeples
08/02	Rachael Edgin
08/02	Beverly Hensley
08/04	Bill McConnell
08/04	Neal Naff
08/05	Chuck Holland
08/09	Don McPherson
08/10	Osaro Grayson
08/11	Mehran Armand
08/12	Gilly Babb
08/13	Edward McCarthy
08/14	George Brown
08/14	Mike Reed
08/15	Cecelia Reichelt
08/17	Lee Williams
08/21	JoAnn Copes
08/21	Jim Egan
08/21	Tim Hughes
08/24	Wolfe Glaser
08/24	Carol Graves
08/24	Laura McConnell
08/25	Samuel Edgin
08/26	Evan Cunningham
08/26	Xóchitl Mota-Back
08/26	Theresa Veatch
08/27	W. Courtland Robinson
08/28	Susan Flanigan
08/28	Andy Imparato
08/29	William Copper
08/30	Sharon Lucas
08/31	Gareth Imparato

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

Returning to Brown How Is This Happening?

he effort to return to our sanctuary began in March with the organization of a committee to oversee when and how we could safely return to Sunday, in-person services. Members of the committee whose names can be seen below represent a working group of individuals with diverse knowledge and skills ranging from public health, medicine, facilities, diversity and inclusion, education and community reporting. In addition to these members, the committee has sought further consultation in areas such as health safety, epidemiology, ventilation, and the legal aspects of Covid. The committee and the staff meet and confer regularly.

We are pleased to tell you that in light of declining Covid metrics in our community, you can, if you choose, begin to regularly attend in-person services at Brown each week throughout the summer. Capacity limits are no greater than 100 attendees currently. Masking and social distancing are maintained at all times. A vaccinated speaker or soloist can unmask at appropriate times during the service. The flow of attendees (i.e. how people enter, where they sit, how they exit) is managed by ushers. Masked congregates are invited to hum or sing softly only. While at the service you will see zoom interactions projected on screens in the front of the sanctuary. Children are required to stay within their seated area with their family members.

As time moves on, we hope to lessen Covid procedures as community health metrics improve and CDC guidelines change in conjunction with local city guidelines. While returning to Brown may not feel "totally normal" at this point, it is a major step forward in getting us gathered again in community and worship in our "home" place. We will look forward to seeing you when you decide it is time to join us.

Returning to BMPA Committee Members Gayle Barney and Liz Bowie, Co-chairs Dr. Barbara Cook, M.D. David Lascu Andi Zumbrum David Nyweide David Miller Rebecca Adams

Youth Events

Lunch & Inner Harbor Kayak Tour Sunday, July 18

Join us in July from 12 pm to 3 pm for lunch and a Harbor Kayak Tour. Drop off at 12 pm for lunch at Shake Shack (400 East Pratt Street). Pick up at 3 pm at Inner Harbor Kayak Tour (561 Light Street).

Canoe & Scoop Middle River June 26, July 24 and August 28 4th Saturdays durning the Summer

Clean up rain leftovers from the beautiful shoreline at Middle Branch Park. Drop off and pickup location at Middle Branch Park 3301 Waterview Avenue Baltimore MD 21230. This event is for up to 20 youth group members age 12-years-old and over. Qualifies for community service credit.

Gunpowder Falls Swimming Hole & Hike Saturday, August 21

Join us from 10 am to 2 pm for swimming and a hike. Drop off and pickup location at Gunpowder Lodge 10092 Belair Road Kingsville, MD 21087. Please bring water, brown bag lunch and a towel. Wear close toed shoes, clothes that can get wet, water shoes and extra socks for the trip.

Mission Week with The Center July 19-23, 2021

Hands-on service, theological reflection, and learning about social injustice. Outdoor service supporting food distribution, urban farms and greening projects, MS, HS

MIDTOWN YOUTH COLLECTIVE



Enrollment is now on-going for the Community Organizing Cohort, Mission Week with The Center, and MontreateHome! You don't want to miss this!

To inquire about registration or scholarship opportunities, contact Rev. Michele Ward (micheleebrowndowntown.org or 443.977.7155).

Montreat@Home 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

In-person evening camp experience with dinner, games, worship, and small groups. Will take place at Catonsville Presbyterian Church so we can explore trails, an outdoor labyrinth and more!

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.

Registration is Now Open

Scholarships are available. Join us from 5 pm to 8 pm at Catonsville Presbyterain Church located at 1400 Fredrick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228. You'll need a brown bag dinner, water, camp materials (will be dropped off the week before). Contact Rev. Michele Ward at <u>michele@browndowntown.org</u> or Rev.

Deborah McEachran at <u>dmceachran@hrpc.comcastbiz.net</u> to register today.





BMPA Calendar

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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: Our Education Hour takes a break over the summer but will return after Labor Day. Join us for Summer Hybrid Worship at 10 am followed by Virtual Coffee Hour. Visit **browndowntown.org** to learn more about our Hybrid Worship and access 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 **browndowntown.org**

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 8 PM A PLAY FOR LIVING IN A TIME OF EXTINCTION

To better understand the intersection of climate change and the arts, we will virtually attend and discuss Miranda Hall's new play streaming now at Center Stage live in the BMPA sanctuary. To reserve your virtual ticket (\$13), email Rev. Michele Ward at **michele@browndowntown.org**.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 7 PM KISS THE GROUND WATCH PARTY

DISCUSSION Watch and reflect upon the film Kiss the Ground, a documentary that compellingly argues for soil conservation to transform our climate. Watch the film live in the sanctuary and stay for a discussion afterwards with our Green Team members.

SUMMER READING IS BACK! The group meets once a months over summer to discuss a book we have read together. Books are currently being selected and dates for late June through early August are being considered. Please email Rev. Andrew Connors at **andrew@browndowntown.org** to join the group or learn more.

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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