



Good News from Brown Memorial Park Avenue
Presbyterian Church

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CLOSE to
HOME

Pastor's Reflection

By Andrew Connors, Senior Pastor

"Close to Home" is the Advent theme we are using from *A Sanctified Art* this year and I'm excited to see where it takes us. From John the Baptist's preaching that hits "close to home" especially for those on the margins, to Mary who seeks comfort and support in the home of Elizabeth, to Jesus who is born on in the midst of a journey home, to the Magi who travel far from home to pay homage to Christ and have to find another way home to avoid entangling themselves or this newborn in the violently fears of a tyrant.

According to the authors of the theme, "Home is something we seek and something we are called to build." These words continue to echo

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through my mind as we approach our long-delayed celebration of 150 years of ministry at Brown Memorial. For 150 years, hundreds of sojourners have found a home in our congregation. They found a home where the Gospel of God's love and justice has been proclaimed in word and deed, inspiring countless numbers of disciples to spend their lives in more just and generous ways than they might have without a spiritual home.

But others didn't find a home here. Even though racial segregation didn't seem to be part of Brown Memorial's stated history, people who visited Brown found a congregation where whiteness was the assumed norm. LGBTQ Christians endured a microscope to their lives as the congregation sorted through whether to state its unequivocal inclusivity or not. People with physical disabilities were unable to participate in all programs of the church, limited by physical barriers that communicated the ableist assumptions present at our founding. And those with limited means were relegated to the cheap seats by a pew rental system which mirrored the classist arrangements of the real estate structures in our city.

150 years of Brown has been the story of a home that many sojourners have found and also the story of "renovating" that home, hopefully to make more space for those who have been left out. As with most renovations, each time we change our home, our renovations can't help but reflect the cultural times in which we live but also the ethics that are a part of the congregation's heart and values of the time.

As we celebrate our history I see at least two dangers in our celebrations which I hope we will avoid. One is retelling the history of our home in a heroic fashion that neglects the truth of what we know about our own history. Some of that truth-telling has come into focus in October with the Anti-Racism Committee's deep dive into our history. Their research has shown the Brown family fortune included wealth gained by the active support of the slave trade. Their investment portfolio, at one time, came into possession

of southern plantations—including enslaved human beings—that were sold to buyers. Even with the more progressive stances of the congregation itself, we can see instances in our history where the assimilationist racist ideas of our country informed our missional stances in paternalistic ways. For these sins we are called to repent and explore ways to repair the breaches that we have contributed to in Baltimore and beyond.

An equally dangerous approach to building our current home would be to imagine that we are so much improved from our ancestors in our own understanding of life and faith that our own errors and sins are far removed from their faults. I have yet to meet anyone at Brown Memorial whose own life choices are not somehow implicated in the unjust structures of our economy, our real estate markets, and our inequitable school systems just to name a few. We need a posture of humility not to signal our virtue, but to remain open and curious to the ways in which we all need to change—as individuals and as a community of faith—so that justice might roll down more like the water that we pour into the font each week.

That's the kind of home I hope we are building together and not just for the sake of those who arrive on the corner of Park and Lafayette Avenues. Ultimately, the home that we build as a community is intended to point the way toward a home that all people deserve—the home that we can begin to see in the arrival of Jesus and his way, but hasn't yet come to fruition. I pray for wisdom, direction, openness, and faith—that we may correctly discern the best choices that God leads us to make in our time as we continue to seek a home with God and to build one worthy of God's dwelling.



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Session News & Notes

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

Submitted by Laura Urban, Clerk of Session

- The Return to Brown Team reported that they have reviewed policies for allowing facility use by individuals and groups, concluding that Brown will continue to allow use of the facilities provided the Facilities Use Policy and guidelines are followed. Session approved the Team's recommended changes to add a "COVID-19 Safety Acknowledgement—Liability Waiver and Release of Claims" to be completed by outside groups using the facilities currently.
- Received report from the Anti-Racism Task Force, which has currently three main focuses: (1) National history focus, using the book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson, as a group reading experience this summer; (2) Brown Memorial history, which is the focus of the Adult Education class in October, led by Taylor and Tom Steward; and (3) Small groups, which have been put on hold, pending the public health situation.
- Updated health benefits for nonclergy staff to seek more equitable offerings to all employees, regardless of hire date.
- Approved the Investment Committee's recommendation to update the Investment Policy. Changes to the policy allow us to "green" the endowment portfolio by reducing overall exposure to certain fossil fuel investments to less than 1% and set an overall limit on our exposure to those investments as well as the weapons sector.
- Approved Bylaws for the Brown Memorial Tutoring Program. The program is organized as a separate 501(c)3, but the program "is a part of the Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church. As such, the powers granted to the Tutoring Commission and program staff are subject to review, approval, and amendment by the Brown Memorial Session." Oversight for the program is managed by the Commission, which is to have 12 members, including 1 Session Member and 3 other members of Brown Memorial.
- Heard a report on the Missions Committee, which is convening in November to discuss a new structure, after long-time chairwoman Julie Hanks has stepped down from that role.
- Heard confirmation that a defibrillator has been installed in the entrance hallway off the courtyard (near the bathroom between the Assembly Room and the Sanctuary).

Tutoring Program 2021-2022 School Year

By Tracy Cerrato, Tutoring Program Director of Development

WELCOMING STUDENTS BACK

Joyful anticipation can best describe the first week of in-person tutoring for the Brown Memorial Tutoring Program that began October 11. After operating virtually for a year, we were so excited to welcome students back to the Center! Returning and new students alike were just as excited as they quickly ascended the three flights of stairs to the Center to greet Martha, Molly, and the volunteer tutors. For some tutor pairs there were happy reunions with big hugs and huge smiles behind their masks. Other tutor pairs met for the first time; in fact, nine new caring individuals have joined our cadre of tutors this year. We are so grateful for the year-long commitment that all our tutors make—without their generosity of time, this wonderful program would not exist.

Advent Activities

When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. Close to Home acknowledges the “already but not yet” tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God’s promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. It names our deep longing for God to come close to us.

WEEK ONE: HOMESICK (HOPE)

WEEK TWO: LAYING THE FOUNDATION (PEACE)

WEEK THREE: A HOME FOR ALL (JOY)

WEEK FOUR: SEEKING SANCTUARY (LOVE)

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ADVENT ACTIVITIES

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday, November 28, 9:30-10:30 am, 12:15-1:15 pm

This year our annual Advent Wreath Making will take place both before and after worship. Weather permitting, we will set up outside on the front steps. In the event of extreme cold or inclement weather we will set up in the Assembly Room. If you prefer to make your wreath at home bring a bag to pick up your wreath materials. We will provide wreaths, greens, and candles (one set per family please). We have some gloves and clippers but suggest bringing your own if you have them. A \$10 per wreath donation is appreciated to help us cover our costs. As in years past, we will also have devotional materials and spiritual practice ideas available to enhance your Advent experience. Masks should be worn at all times while inside the premises.

BUILD YOUR OWN NATIVITY

Sunday, December 12 from 9:30 to 10:30 am

Join us in the Assembly Room to create gingerbread nativities using graham crackers and other tasty treats. All supplies will be provided.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, December 12 at 12:30 pm

Plan to stay after worship to decorate the sanctuary for Christmastide.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COCOA

Sunday, December 19 at 3 pm

Join neighboring churches for a festive afternoon of outdoor caroling, cocoa, and cookies. Youth group members will host a bake sale and cocoa bar to fund-raise for the Winter Weekend trip. Meet in front of the church building to participate.

ADVENT WORSHIP

MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Thursdays, December 3-17 from 5:30 to 6:15 pm

Take a moment to pause during the busy season of Advent and join us at our weekly prayer service, a time when we come together to hold the community and the world in prayer. All are welcome.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 5. Throughout the day.

On December 5, we'll mark the end of our 150th year on the corner of Park and Lafayette Avenues. Join us as we celebrate throughout the day. **From 9:30 to 10:30**

am: Help us create a time capsule to be housed in the columbarium for a future generation to reveal.

At 11 am: Worship featuring music from the very first service of worship, highlights from our collection of Stories of Hope & Faith, and music from our handbell choir and Soulful Revue. **Starting at Noon:** Following

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Advent Activities

worship, stay to explore some of our history displayed throughout the Assembly Room and Sanctuary. Light refreshments served following COVID safety protocols.

Then at 4 pm: Holiday Concert on the original organ now housed at the Christadelphian Chapel in Catonsville (600 Frederick Road).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 19 at 11 am

Plans for our annual Christmas Pageant are still in development. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate as the date draws nearer.

LONGEST NIGHT GATHERING FOR A HOLIDAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & GRIEF

Tuesday, December 21 at 7 pm

Western Christianity has an Advent tradition of inviting people to come together for the Longest Night, a night around the time of the winter solstice, when there are more hours of darkness than light. It's a time to come together for prayers and laments, to mourn the losses and griefs of the year, to let the tears flow for the hurting places in our own lives, as well as for our country and our world. Known also as "Blue Christmas," a Longest Night Gathering is a safe and sacred space to share anguish, to plead with God to remember us, to pray for justice and restoration, even to hope against hope, through our doubts and tears and fears, that "God will set things right all over the earth" (1 Samuel 2:10, The Message Translation).

Sing, pray, and share your grief with God and one another.

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Friday, December 24 at 5:30 pm

A candlelight service retelling the Christmas story interspersed with favorite carols sung by the Chancel Choir, Soloists and Congregation. The prelude begins at 5 pm. This year's service will also be live-streamed via Zoom. Use the regular worship link to join virtually.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Sunday, December 26 at 11 am

Join us from the comfort of your living room, in your pj's if you'd like, for this virtual only worship service. Please use our regular worship link to attend.

EPIPHANY STAR WORDS SUNDAY

Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 11 am

Come receive your star gift during worship this morning. What Are Star Gifts? Star gifts are a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year. Your star gift will contain a word to guide your prayers for the coming year. Just as the Magi followed a star, so will we. We encourage you to place your star somewhere that you will regularly see it throughout the year to allow for continual reflection on how God has and is moving through, around, or in connection to that word. If you are not able to be present to receive your star gift [sign up here](#) or contact Sharon Holley to receive one by mail.



Green Team Presents

Derrick Weston, Adult Forum Guest Speaker and Preacher

Join us for an in-person screening of this short film presented by Ankos Films and Stories of Food and Faith. This documentary highlights the work of four food-based ministries across the country including the Black Church Food Security Network in Baltimore City. After the short screening, the film's producer Derrick Weston will sit down for a conversation with Rev. Michele Ward about food based ministry during the pandemic at Rocks N Rows, the mutual aid efforts in Greenmount West, and food delivery with Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development (BUILD).

Film and Conversation Details

November 21, 2021 at 9:30 am

Screening and Discussion of Short Documentary Film "A Wilderness Like Eden: Stories of Food and Faith," Assembly Room

About our Guest Speaker

Derrick Weston has spent the last two decades working in churches and community-based nonprofits in Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Oregon, and now Maryland. He manages the Rocks N Rows Charity Garden on Baltimore City's east end. Derrick received his Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary, a certification in health ministry from Wesley Theological seminary and



Derrick Weston

was a part of the Re:Generate Fellowship on food, faith, and ecology through Wake Forest University. Derrick is the co-host of the Food and Faith Podcast and the producer of the short documentary "A Wilderness Like Eden: Stories of Food and Faith" released in the summer 2021. He and his wife Shannon have four children and live outside of Baltimore City.

ADULT EDUCATION

NOVEMBER: The Adult Education class in November features a two-part series on Brown Memorial's Activism past and present (10/31, 11/07), an interactive exploration of our stained glass windows as art that honors God (11/14), and finally a Green Team sponsored screening and discussion (11/21) of short documentary film "A Wilderness Like Eden: Stories of Food and Faith."

DECEMBER: Join in the intergenerational Advent Activities planned both before and after worship.

PLEASE NOTE: Education Hour and Meditation Circle will not meet November 28 to December 26. Both will resume on January 9, 2022.

BROWN MEMORIAL

Ministry of Welcome

By Barbara Cook

Brown has always been that kind of church. Sally Shoemaker Robinson, 2021

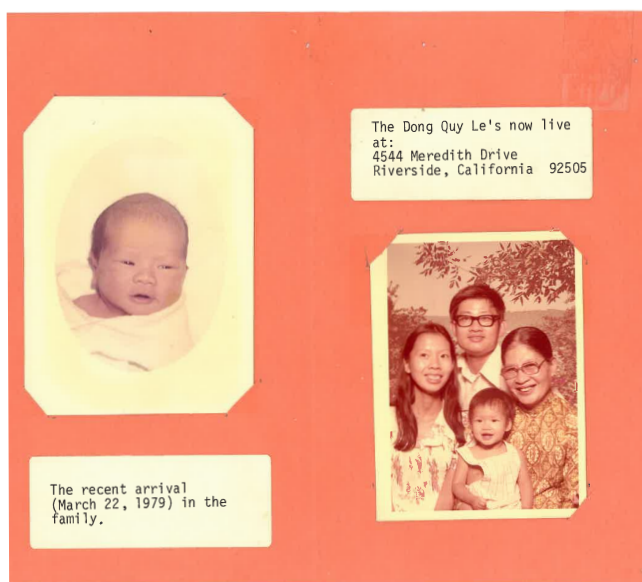
In 1975, Saigon fell and many of us remember the horrific pictures of Americans and Vietnamese refugees huddled on the roof of the American Embassy hoping for rescue. In 2021, we again were assaulted with horrific pictures of Americans and Afghani refugees, cramming into the international airport in Kabul, hoping for rescue.

In September, 1975, Brown Memorial stepped up and quickly offered housing to a Vietnamese couple—Kim Minh and Dong Que Le. The Le's were resettled from Vietnam to Indiantown Gap Army Base in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. In 1975, more than 20,000 Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees were housed at this post until they were processed for sponsorship in the local area and across the United States.

The Le's lived for 18 months on the third floor of the Brown manse, next to the church house. Members from Brown Memorial/Woodbrook assumed all of the logistical responsibilities. Brown Memorial Park Avenue paid all the bills. They resided there until the Associate Pastor Manse was sold at which time Sally Robinson's mother, Helen Shoemaker, offered the State Bedroom in her home to the couple at Burnside in Baltimore County. The couple had family in California and in June of 1977, they made their way to the West Coast to be reunited with them—but not before they attended the wedding of Sam and Barb Robinson with Kim Minh adorned in a Vietnamese National garment—the Áo Dài.

So we find ourselves in 2021, again faced with refugees who have had to flee Afghanistan after the American withdrawal from their country. And Brown is stepping up again. The Brown Memorial Ministry of Welcome is joining with Memorial Episcopal and residents of Bolton Hill to assist with the resettlement of 10 Afghani's who are making their way to the US as humanitarian parolees. We have already contributed nearly \$3000 to defray the cost of fees related to obtaining Humanitarian Parole. Six Brown families have volunteered to be host families and we recently are collected enough household supplies to support 12 newly-arrived families.

What a blessing it is to be part of a community of Christians who raise their hands in the air and ask "How can we help?" If you are interested in joining this effort, contact Barbara Cook at bawijobe5@gmail.com.



The recent arrival (March 22, 1979) in the family.

The Dong Quy Le's now live at:
4544 Meredith Drive
Riverside, California 92505

HISTORY ALIVE at Brown Memorial

By Gayle Barney

STORIES OF HOPE AND FAITH PUBLICATION

Join us we pause, reflect, celebrate and look forward, raising important questions on where we go from here, by listening to and reading the incredible Stories of Hope and Faith prepared and published during the last year. This publication contains nearly 30 stories written from interviews with members and past and present staff.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church Re-dedication on Sunday, December 5, 2021. Be part of celebrating all that Brown has been and continues to be for each of us individually and collectively as a community in the City and world around us. The future is ours—help Brown prepare to move forward knowing our history, our strengths, where we must grow, and how we must act in the future.

BROWN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RE-DEDICATION

Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 9:30 am to 4 pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2022

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

[Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 9:30-10:30 am and 12:30 p.m.](#)

Friends and members of the congregation are invited to gather before worship in the Assembly Room or via Zoom to discuss Brown's year ahead. The business portion of this annual meeting will be conducted following worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. Use the regular worship link to join either portion virtually.

DISABILITY STUDIES AND THEOLOGY

[Sunday, January 9, 16, and 23 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am](#)

In January (9 through 23), in recognition of the 2020 50th Anniversary of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act the Diversity Committee is sponsoring a 3-Part series on Disability Studies and Theology during the Adult Education Hour, featuring disability advocate and guest speaker Rev. Bill Gaventa on January 16, 2022.

November Birthdays

11/01	Anne Heuisler
11/01	Julianna Lucas
11/05	Alex Reichelt
11/07	Barbara Cook
11/09	Miranda Hall
11/10	Laurie Wolfe
11/11	Danny Flores
11/11	Spencer Scaglione
11/12	Kate Foster
11/13	Warner Brockman
11/14	Bruce Curtis
11/14	Jonathan Hensley
11/14	David Luljak
11/16	Betsy Nix
11/16	Dave Urban
11/17	Jamie Cunningham
11/18	Jason Buc
11/18	Shirley Parry
11/18	Bert Schmickel
11/19	Willard Graves
11/19	Louise Wagner
11/20	Kevin Cross
11/20	Bonnie Schneider
11/20	Jennifer Rakowski
11/21	Claire Inglesby
11/23	Marcos Calderon
11/24	Patrick Riorda
11/25	Beth Gregory
11/25	Deborah Richardson
11/25	Ally Vitale
11/26	Peter Jackson
11/28	Ileana Imhoff
11/26	Maureen Kelly
11/28	Luke Inglesby
11/28	Natalie Kelly
11/29	Eva McNabney
11/29	Carolina Mills
11/29	Amanda Slagle

Volunteer Opportunities

ROCKS N ROWS CHARITY GARDEN

Rockrose City Farm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9-11 am

BMPA sponsors the Rocks N Rows Charity Garden, a Baltimore City Farm in the Woodberry neighborhood located at 3713 Clipper Road Baltimore MD 21211. The produce serves food programs in Baltimore City with a focus on providing vegetables for Stillmeadow Community Fellowship's food ministry. Contact Derrick Weston, Rocks N Rows garden manager, to volunteer on Tuesday and Thursdays at dweston80@gmail.com. To volunteer Wednesdays email McKay Jenkins, BMPA garden lead at mckay@udel.edu. Contact Derrick Weston, Rocks N Rows garden manager, to volunteer on Tuesday and Thursdays at dweston80@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY MUSIC

By Michael Britt, Minister of Music

150th Anniversary Holiday Program at the Christadelphian Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 4 PM

Featuring Hymns sung at the Dedication of Brown Memorial in December of 1870 as well as holiday favorites. The program will also feature musical offerings from members of our Chancel Choir. The program will be held at the former Christadelphian Chapel in Catonsville (600 Frederick Road). The Chapel houses Brown Memorial's original pipe organ (1870) built by Hall and Labagh in New York City. This organ was sold to what was then Paradise Presbyterian Church (1890) so that Brown could install a larger organ built by Steere and Turner. The Christadelphian Chapel is presently being turned into an Arts Center. Please know that there are limited restroom facilities and there are 3-4 steps up to the main doors of the building.

Holiday Concert featuring the Brass Ensemble from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 7 PM

The program will include selections from the classical repertoire as well as music for the Holiday season and a community sing! The concert will also feature our E.M. Skinner Pipe Organ played by Michael Britt.

Concert by the Baltimore Regional Community Male Chorus
Hugh Carey, Director

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 4 PM

A program of Christmas and Seasonal Music



December Birthdays

12/01	Lynda Burton
12/01	Nick Imparato
12/02	Matthew Mickel
12/03	Gretchen Hutson
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	Vi Thorpe
12/11	Cal Buikema
12/11	Sally Robinson
12/11	Samuel Todd
12/11	Gerald Versey
12/13	Anderson Echols
12/13	Stewart Finney
12/15	Augie Brown
12/15	Matt Mitchell
12/16	Chip Morgan Riegel
12/16	Henry Taylor
12/18	Nicki Artes
12/18	Caroline Cross
12/18	Stephanie Shapiro
12/19	Richard Proctor
12/19	Jair Williams
12/20	Gillian Babb
12/21	Sam Kelly
12/22	Judith Arnold
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
12/28	Josh Boak
12/29	Rachel Cunningham
12/30	Ruth Brennan Taylor
12/31	Phyllis McIntosh

January Birthdays

01/01	Fred Lazarus
01/02	Deb Baer
01/02	Erin Powell
01/03	John Warmath
01/05	Elden Schneider
01/07	Abe Taylor
01/08	Devon Smith
01/09	Yari Armand
01/09	Felix 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
01/19	Elizabeth Cavallon
01/20	Zakiyah Grayson
01/22	Chrystie Adams
01/23	Horace Liang
01/24	Penelope Nash-Pappalardo
01/25	David Bielenberg
01/25	Steedman Jenkins
01/27	Rebecca Adams
01/28	Charles Reichelt
01/29	Lucas Calderon
01/30	Ben Anderson



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

YOUTH EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP

November 14 and 28, 2021

January 9 and 23, 2022

2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Assembly Room

TACO TUESDAY

November 2 | December 7 | January 4

1st Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm

Papi's in Hampden (sunny weather)

R House in Remington (cold or rainy weather)

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 12, 2021

From 5:30 to 8 pm

Dinner and Games at Brown Memorial, followed by Dessert and White Elephant Gift Exchange at Memorial Episcopal.

WINTER WEEKEND

January 28-30, 2022 | Grades: 6-12 Cost: \$200

Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 11 am

Annual Sunday when the youth of Brown Memorial lead the morning service. The offering this Sunday will go towards funding scholarships for summer trips to Montreat Camp and Conference Center and the Pejutazizi Family Learning Camp and Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Stay for the in person and break out room 'reception' afterwards to celebrate our middle school and high school members.



Children's Sunday School on Halloween.



BMPA Calendar

*Alive in the City
and the World*

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 both in-person and virtually, each week gathering for worship, prayer, study, and fellowship.

SUNDAY MORNING: Join us for Hybrid Worship at 11 am followed by Coffee Hour Outside (weather permitting) and Breakout Rooms on Zoom. 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.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS RETURN FOR ALL AGES: Join us on Sunday morning for education programs in a variety of formats. Visit the website calendar for the zoom links and more details to participate.

ADULT EDUCATION HOUR AT 9:30 AM: This class meets in person in the Assembly Room and over Zoom to explore and discuss a variety of topics related to our faith. To participate virtually visit <https://browndowntown.org/calendar/>

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM: Weather permitting, children Preschool through 5th Grade meet at the Mt. Royal Elementary School playground for lessons and fellowship. In rainy or cold weather we meet inside on the 2nd Floor of the Fellowship Building.

THE MEDITATION CIRCLE AT 10 AM: Via Zoom, visit the church calendar for the link to join.

YOUTH GROUP ON THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS AT 5:30 PM:
Meet Pastor Michele in the Assembly Room for dinner, games, and fellowship.

PAST SERMONS: In addition to joining us live every Sunday, you can read, watch or listen to past sermons at <https://browndowntown.org/sermons/> or visit and subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP0yeb15aXbbIePJ2RwgcA

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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