

THE HERALD



BROWN MEMORIAL
WOODBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the



The Rev. Dr. Scott Wilson, Interim Minister

“Then Sings My Soul!”

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Pastor’s Letter
- Mission News
- What’s happening at Brown Memorial Woodbrook

When you sing, you pray twice!...those familiar words were shared with me long ago by my mother, and I honestly don’t know to whom the original quote belongs. There is truth to that saying, as many of our great traditional hymns give us a double dose of piety and prayer, even deep theology; think of the profound verses of Watts or Wesley, and how they open the scriptures almost as if Jesus himself were walking beside us on the road to Emmaus.

Yes,, I am from the Baby Boomer generation, and I do like some of the newer contemporary worship music, and praise bands with electric guitars and drums. But curiously, it is the old hymns that come into my head if I am troubled, or in times of quiet prayer or reflection.

We are celebrating the great hymn tradition here at Brown Memorial Woodbrook during the month of August 2015. Our Interim Music Director, Len Langrick, will open up the chancel for hymn requests before worship for the first three weeks of August, and then you will get to hear them played on the magnificent sanctuary organ, and sing your soul to God.

Additionally, I have taken some of the stories of how these sacred songs have been written and will weave them into sermons for August. The stories often are inspiring, and we know many of the greatest hymns were born out of suffering or adversity, yet have resulted in countless spiritual blessing, for millions of believers. That’s the gospel in a nutshell, isn’t it?

The author Robert Morgan compiled some of these stories, and in his introduction to the book *Then Sings My Soul*, he writes:

Hymns help us praise God. They’re shafts of brilliant sunlight through the clouds. They provide an almost mystical connection with the endless anthems of praise...they unite the Lord’s earth-bound church in

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heavenly harmony. Hymns connect us with generations now gone.

Before the hectic pace of September begins anew with school, work, and the church calendar ramping up, take a moment to think of that hymn that speaks to your soul, and we'll all sing it together!

Pastor Scott

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Woodbrook at Broadmead
Tuesday 10 AM

Contact Sally-lyn Duff at 443-578-8387
or wsduff925@comcast.net for more
information.

**SUNDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY** will resume on
Sunday, September 20
Sunday mornings at
9:00 AM in Peter's Net.



**Deadline for the September Herald will be Friday, August 21
by 9 AM.**

Please submit all information, articles, and reports to the Church Secretary
via e-mail: office@bmwpc.org

BOOKENDS

Suggested books for Bookends, 2015/16

The Friday Night Knitting Club, (novel) by Kate Jacoles. "An absolutely beautiful, deeply moving portrait of female friendship" (Kristin Hannah)

All the Light We Cannot See, (novel) by Anthony Doerr. A blind girl's and a German boy's paths cross in occupied France.

Boys in the Boat, (nonfiction) by Daniel James Brown. Nine Americans and their epic quest for gold at the '36 Olympics in Berlin.

When Paris Went Dark, The City of Light Under German Occupation, 1940-44, (nonfiction) by Ronald C. Rosbottom. A sweeping narrative, astute in its insight and chilling detail.

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Wolf Hall, (historical novel) by Hilary Mantel. Fictionalized biography about the rapid rise of Thomas Cromwell in the court of Henry VIII.

I am Malala, (autobiography). The girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban.

The Lives of Girls and Women, (short stories) by Alice Monroe. Early portrait of everyday life in small town Canada.

Stable Cats, by Robert Heathcote. Keeping pets under control.

The End of Your Life Bookclub, (nonfiction) by Will Schwalbe. Conversations with his mother during her chemotherapy treatments.

The Emerald Mile, (nonfiction) by Kevin Fedarko. A true story of a harrowing boat ride down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. (suggested by Anne Dale.)

Not I: Memoirs of a German Childhood, (nonfiction) A portrait of an intellectually rigorous German household opposed to the Nazis and how its members suffered from their political status.

Girl on the Train, (novel) by Paula Hawkins. A thriller about perception, unreliability, and wish fulfillment.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down, a Humong Child Her American Doctors, and the Collision of the Two Cultures, (nonfiction-an anthropological document) by Anne Fadiman.

Ladies of Liberty and the Women Who Shaped Our Nation, (nonfiction) by Cokie Roberts. A biographical narrative about American women who worked hard for causes including abolition of slavery, protection of orphans, and educational reform.

Boots, Bikes, and Bombers , Adventures of Alaska Conservationist Ginny Hill Wood, (nonfiction) edited by Karen Brewster. A biography of a pioneering Alaska conservationist and outdoorswoman, who flew military airplanes in the United States and Alaska where she settled, founded first ecotourism lodge at Camp Denali, helped found the Alaska Conservation Society, and was a wilderness guide.

A River No More, The Colorado River and the West, (nonfiction) by Philip Fradkin. Although written in 1996, it is all the more compelling today given the draught in the West as it is about the use and abuse of the river.

Cadillac Desert, The American West and Its Disappearing Water, (nonfiction) by Philip Fradkin. Written in 1998, but has been revised since. Also a timely read about the Colorado River.

Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero, Bound for the Promised Land, (biography) by Kate Clifford Larson.

Additions to the list as Mays meeting

The All Girls Filling Station, (novel) by Frannie Flagg, author of Fried Green Tomatoes. A family saga, history lesson, and emotional roller coaster, rife with wit and wisdom.

Me Before You, (novel) by JoJo Moyes. They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose.

Gray Mountain, (novel) by John Grisham. Samatha, a wall street lawyer loses her job, moves to a small Appalachian town to work as a legal aid, and gets legally entangled with "Big Coal" threats.

Dead Weight: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania, (nonfiction narrative) by Erik Larson. A story of the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915 by a German U-Boat.

Cats Table, (novel) by Michael Ondaatje. A coming-of-age story, memoir, and maritime adventure.

The Green Road (novel) by Ann Enright (won Booker prize in 2014)

Everyone is welcome to join BookEnds discussions. We suggest reading the books we will be discussing first. We meet on the second Friday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Ajax Eastman 410-323-2999 or ajaxeast@msn.com

Christian Education News

“Hey, it’s good to see you guys again”

-Lucas

By Karen Bartell, DCE

The title of this article is a quote from one of our children from the Bible Story - Nature Camp. Lucas said this as the children gathered on the rug in the front of the sanctuary last Sunday, July 19. We celebrated with the congregation the highlights of our summer experiences and recognized all the volunteers who made it such a success. The statement from Lucas was a good description of the fellowship that developed among the children during the week.

We are still welcoming contributions to the Synod of the Living Waters to help purchase a filter system for a community with contaminated water supply. The systems are placed in churches and community centers and the families are able to collect a set amount of water each day to be used for cooking, drinking, teeth brushing, etc. Often it is just 3-5 gallons a day.



The children went to several learning stations each day to experience water related activities.

Mission/Science Station was created and led by **Bobbie Cook, Sarah Crawley** and **Sherry Peck**.

The children created different kinds of filters and tasted different waters. They looked at germs under a blue light and had many other experiences.

Arts and Crafts Station was created and led by **Elsie Wong** with **Glenn** and **Scott Wong** as able helpers. *Each child went home with his or her own creative bead necklace and a shaker instrument.*



Opening/Closing with music, Bible verses, mission moments, and skits set the stage for the day.

Nature Walks and outdoor games and play were part of each day. These walks were ably designed and led by **Linda Bluth** and **Ajax Eastman**. *Water balloons, air and water and tasting fresh vege tables from the garden or learning about bird beaks were explored.*

Bible Story/Drama Station After the Biblical storytellers told the story each day; **Jocelyn Taylor** and **Kierra Cuttiford** helped the children *retell the story dramatically. Imagine a 3 and a half-year old playing the role of the Pharaoh or a six year old being Moses. Unforgettable!*

Just before closing each day, a Reflection time was set aside for children to talk about, recall and write or illustrate their favorite part of the day’s Bible story. **Julie Wach** spent the entire morning with the pre-kindergarten students, our largest group - six children. She *guided them through the various activities, adjusted to be age appropriate*. Her helpful shepherd **Jewel Howard**, spent her third summer with us. **Paris Day**, here for the second summer, *acted as a shepherd to the oldest group. She guided them through the stations. She also colored the mountain/river backdrop for our stories*. The five—and six—year—olds were *shepherded* by **Antionette Brockenbrough**, who was here for the third summer. She also *guided those five girls through their reflection time*.

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Did you Know?

A Quiz from Bible Story – Nature Camp

- ~More than 30 adults and teens volunteered time and skills, making it a success.
- ~The children learned some sign language with the five Bible verses. These were created for us by **Jocelyn Taylor** and **Susan Saunders**.
- ~Backdrops for our storytellers were created by **Tom Crawley, Edie Cleaves, Paris Day, Jocelyn Taylor** and **Antoinette Brockenbrough**.
- ~Our Biblical Storytellers were: **Jocelyn Taylor, Sherry Peck, Bob Gist, Rev. Scott Wilson** and **Katherine Stanka**.
- ~Most of the earth’s water has salt in it, because it is in the oceans.
- ~**Mark Wong** took photos of our activities; check out the posters in the Lobby.
- ~It is possible to drink water that is as old as a dinosaur.
- ~**Michele Hanna** and **Tony Mason** helped throughout the week in a variety of ways.
- ~Registration for the week was handled by **Patricia Short**.
- ~Most of your body is made of water.
- ~**Debby Hughey, Elizabeth Ceanfaglione, Ralph Cook, Elena Storey, Carrie Tomko, Jessica Jackson** and **Bobbie Cook** all stepped up to lend their support and help.



Empowers God Calls Us
 God Chose Us
 Improves Relationships
 Further God's Kingdom
 The People
 Make a Difference
 LWW works
Clean Water for All God's Children
Living Waters for the World



Nadene Whayland	6
Tom Eastman	7
Alex Stanka	9
Jane Houck	10
Arthur Cleaves	17
Julie Wach	20
Leslie Wong	21
Susan Saunders	25
Sierra Gonzalez	26
Betsy Toole	29



MISSION MATTERS:

ACTC NEEDS US IN AUGUST to donate *PASTA (SPAGHETTI, ELBOWS ETC.) AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE.*

[ACTC, rather than receiving miscellaneous items, asks specific churches to donate specific items in specific months. August is our month.]

WHERE DOES MISSION MONEY GO

Mission Team (Ken Lewis, Patricia Short, Lynne Agress) approved the following expenditures:
Please note that there will be later designations for GEDCO, McCabe Habitat project and global mission.

- ACTC \$2,000
- Baltimore School for the Arts Foundation \$500 (to assist students who need special purchases for college)
- Baltimore Station \$1,000
- Brown Memorial Tutorial \$2,000
- McKim Center \$1,500
- OrchKids \$1,400
- TurnAround \$2,000

You are invited to become part of the mission team.

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION BOARD IN PAKISTAN.

The PEB schools are thriving. Together, we are making a difference. We in Pakistan find hope in the darkest of days and we keep our focus on the brightest ones. The reward for all our work together is children who love to come to school in spite of many challenges, who are not afraid, who are eager to learn, and who understand the power of education.

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 Worship & Communion 11:00 Fellowship	3 5:30 PM Yoga 7PM PNC Meeting	4 10 Broadmead	5 7 PM Compassionate Friends	6	7	8
9 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	10 5:30 PM Yoga 7PM PNC Meeting	11 10 Broadmead	12 7 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting	13	14	15
16 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	17 5:30 PM Yoga 7 PM PNC Meeting	18 10 Broadmead	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	24 5:30 PM Yoga 7 PM PNC Meeting	25 10 Broadmead	26	27	28	29
30	31 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED					

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CORE VALUES

We commit to living out God's love through:

Compassion
Learning
Inclusion
Faith

VISION 2016

In five years God will see us

- 1) welcoming all God's children;
- 2) sharing Christ's love with others;
- 3) intentionally and actively building our faith to understand God's purpose for us;
- 4) using our physical resources sustainably to honor God; and
- 5) celebrating God's love with abandon.

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