

THE HERALD



BROWN MEMORIAL
WOODBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the



The Rev. Dr. Scott Wilson, Interim Minister

Worship Celebration Planned

I want to make sure everyone is on board for BMW’s big event for May this year – on Memorial Day weekend, I hope you can join us for what is shaping up to be a memorable day of worship and celebration on Sunday May 24th. This Sunday, also happens to be Pentecost Sunday on the church calendar, AND there is going to be a celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism with Brady Gisewite, AND we are going to be enjoying some special music to praise God for the ministry of Susan Gonzalez, who is retiring on that Sunday from BMW.

There are exciting plans to honor Susan after worship. It will be a grand time to give thanks to God for the power and variety of sacred music that BMW has been blessed with these many years – and to thank Susan personally for her skill and creativity and kindness during her time here.

Below is the text of the letter sent to members and friends of BMWPC about this celebration:

“After 26 years of devoted service to the congregation of Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian church our very talented and wonderful Organist/ Director of Music, Susan Gonzalez, is retiring in May. She is planning to move to Ocean City to live with family. We will miss her dearly.

Last Sunday, April 19, 2015 Session authorized the establishment of a purse to give to her on her last Sunday, May, 24, 2015. After worship that day, we will have a celebration of Susan’s many years with us. The choir is planning a farewell that YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!

Contributions to this purse for Susan may be sent to the church office or placed in the Sunday offering. Checks should be made out to Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church and will be forwarded to the Financial Secretary. Please indicate that these funds are for Susan’s retirement.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 24, 2015 and join us for a beautiful gathering to honor Susan.

Elizabeth J. Toole, Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Scott W. Wilson, Interim Pastor

See you in worship!

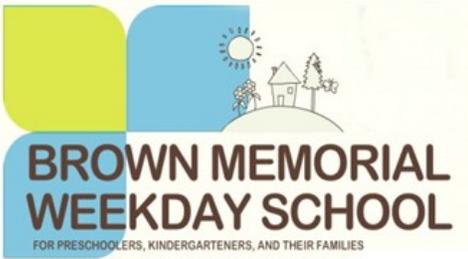
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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

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Despite Spring's late arrival the children at Brown are helping to get our garden ready by planting seeds in their classrooms. Our spring garden will have lettuce, broccoli, and sugar snap peas. As the weather warms up, we will plant cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, bush beans, and red peppers. This year the teepee will trellis a variety of gourds, including birdhouse gourds. Please take a minute to recognize the bird houses on the outside of the classroom windows. Each birdhouse has a 1 way mirror on the back so that the children can observe without disrupting the birds. We invite all church members to attend our Spring Fling on May 1st. This is always a wonderful event for our community and for all who attend.

THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN...

Recently teachers and staff at the weekday school had a meeting to review playground policies. Just as inside the building, we want to make sure that any area where the children are playing is restricted to teachers and staff only. If adults other than teachers/staff need access to this area, we require them to check in either at the church or school offices and receive a lanyard (identification tag) that is easily recognizable to school staff. Please understand the responsibility that we have here at Brown to insure the safety of our children. These lanyards eliminate the need for teachers to have to identify those adults who are connected to the Brown

Community and those who are not. **Teachers have been asked to approach anyone who is not wearing a Brown Memorial Lanyard and ask him or her to check in at either the school/church office if they are in either the playground or inside school areas.**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
has resumed on Sunday mornings at
9:15 AM in Peter's Net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Woodbrook at Broadmead
Tuesday 10 AM
Contact Sally-lyn Duff at 443-578-8387
or wsduff925@comcast.net for more information.



Deadline for the June Herald will be Monday, May 20 by 9 AM.
Please submit all information, articles, and reports to the Church Secretary via e-mail: office@bmwpc.org



CALL FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Please donate your childrens' no-longer-used musical instruments-- or any instruments you may own and do not use. There will be a large box in the lobby in which to place them; however, if you have something huge, for example, a cello or drum set, please let me know and I can arrange for someone from OrchKids to pick it up at your home. You may declare this on your taxes.

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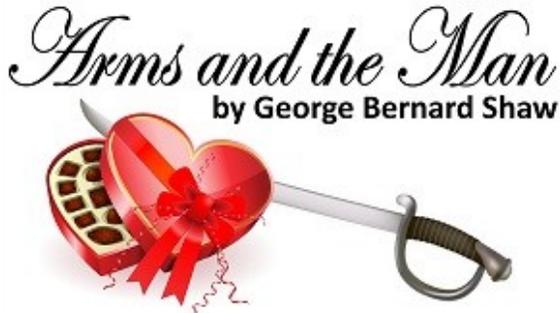


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WISH LIST

Nonperishable food items, diapers, hats, gloves, scarves, gift cards, and gas cards, household cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper

The Woodbrook Players present
Arms and the Man
by George Bernard Shaw
April 25, 26, May 2, 3, and 9,
Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sundays at 3



A hilarious satire about the irony of war and the fallacy of romantic ideals, *Arms and the Man* is often regarded by scholars as George Bernard Shaw's funniest play -- and it was also his first big theatrical hit. This light comedy begins when an armed soldier in 1895 Bulgaria breaks into a young woman's bedroom and demands refuge. Poking fun at both the dangers of bravado and the idealistic notions of romantic love, this

Woodbrook Players production of *Arms and the Man* at the Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church proves that you can find love -- and humor -- in war. Tickets at the door. Contact the Woodbrook Players at woodbrookplayers@gmail.com for more info!

International Lunch Club:

Thursday May 14 at 1:00p.m. Join us at BREAD and CIRCUSES, a French Bistro across from the Towson Library on the corner of Delaware and Chesapeake Avenues. 401 Delaware Ave. A small intimate place for food with a touch of France.



Make your reservation by calling Elsie Wong at

410-296- 3955 no later than the day before the meeting. Car pooling available. Meet at BMWPC by 12:30p.m. This is a fun way to meet new friends and try out new restaurants.

BOOKENDS

May 8th: My Beloved World by Sonya Sotomayor, her amazing autobiography from poverty to the Supreme Court

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

Celebrating the Weekday School

On May 3rd during the worship service, the church will celebrate with the weekday school—our common community. The children will sing a few songs; they also will plant zinnia seeds to attract butterflies. Members of the congregation will be invited to pick up a package of zinnia seeds to plant around their homes. Put this special Sunday on your calendar and enjoy the fellowship with the young families from the school.

Summer Sundays

Once again, we will have summer Sundays in the Parlor. The wagon will contain the lesson supplies for the Bible story of the week and the follow up activities.

Please consider signing up to teach just one Sunday. If you have not taught for a while, why not come back to work with the small group of children for just one Sunday. It will give you a chance be engaged with the children. Choir members and others are invited to take a turn and give our regular teachers a bit of a break. All instructional materials will be in your hands ahead of time and the supplies for the activities will be in the wagon.

The sign up poster is the large white one on the table in front of the Christian Education bulletin board, near the office. Check your calendar and sign up for just one week. There is no better way to get acquainted with the youngest members of our congregation.



A note from Katherine Stanka,

Thank you for your many cards, kind words, gestures and most of all prayers for my father, the Rev. Philip Henderson, and my family. His death on January 29th proved to be a teaching moment in so many respects, but as a Teaching Elder, “and one to the end” as he stated a few days before his death, it is no surprise. Your support over the last months has been so appreciated. I return thanks for being Christ’s out-stretch to me and my family.
Peace and Grace in Christ,
Katherine

ADULT EDUCATION

All adult education events occur immediately following worship and will be held in the chapel. An optional light lunch will be served for a nominal fee.



Sunday, May 3

Roz Branson, CEO, TurnAround will talk on the many incredible programs in which TurnAround is

involved, including Human Trafficking, Abused Women and Children, Counseling, etc. Please try to attend this most important program.



Join us on **Sunday, May 31** and learn more about the McKim Center and what they provide from Dwight S. Warren, Executive Director.



Join us on **Sunday, June 7** and learn more about the Baltimore School for the Arts from Carol Carter.

Bible Story~Nature Camp July 13-17, 2015, 9A.M. to noon

“Clean Water for All God’s Children”

Soon summer will be here and for the third year we will offer a nature oriented version of Vacation Bible School. Our curriculum is from the Synod of the Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church USA. It will take a team of people for this exciting project.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please check out the blue poster on the Christian Education table near the office and sign up for an activity. We need help before, during and after the event, help with

- ~handling registration and nametags each day
- ~providing and preparing a healthy snack
- ~leading a group of children through an activity, inside or outside, and helping another adult work with a small group of children
- ~collecting crafts or art activities for a group of children
- ~leading crafts/art activities for the children
- ~coloring the backdrop for one of the Bible Stories
- ~leading a nature walk on our property
- ~helping to get publicity in the hands of local contacts
- ~setting up the week before the event
- ~cleaning up at the end of the week
- ~leading opening or closing activities for one day

All of the above roles have suggestions and ideas to make the task easier. An orientation and training session will be scheduled in June. Please check the poster and sign up to help one morning during the week.



Elaine Lankford	2	Ajax Eastman	14
Jean Summerville	5	Sally-lyn Duff	21
Amy Mussen	5	Ellen Egger	24
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May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30 PM Woodbrook Players Performance
3 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:30 Fellowship 12:00 Adult Education 3 PM Woodbrook Players Performance	4 11 Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Yoga	5 9:30 & 10:30 Story time play group 10 Broadmead 7PM PNC Meeting	6 7 PM Compassionate Friends 7 PM Woodbrook Players rehearsal	7 7 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:50 PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9 7:30 PM Woodbrook Players Performance
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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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