

THE HERALD



BROWN MEMORIAL
WOODBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor...Randy Clayton

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mission News
- What's happening at Brown Memorial Woodbrook

As I am writing this I am just beginning to clean up from Winter Storm Jonas. Already I've done a lot of shoveling but realize there is still much more snow to move before it's all said-and-done. While the major clean-up is beginning, it's complicated by the reality that there was so much snow that it is hard to find a place to put it so that sidewalks and parking spots are clear.

In an editorial in the New York Times on January 22, David Dudley wrote, "Unless you're a plow driver or a parka-clad elected official trying to look essential, one doesn't pretend to do battle against a blizzard. You submit. Surrender. *Hunker down*. A snowstorm rewards indolence and punishes the go-getters, which is only one of the many reasons it's the best natural disaster there is." For the most part, the storm was so significant that there was no choice about it for us here in Baltimore. Surrender was the only possible option. All we could do was surrender, hunker down, and wait until it passed.

I am grateful for all those who worked extra hours to provide care in hospitals, nursing homes and other places of care during the storm. I am grateful for first responders who risked their safety and welfare to rescue persons who were stuck in the snow, or to transport sick people to emergency rooms, or to fight fires, or to insure the safety of our property and lives. I am grateful for those who plow our streets -- they have had a herculean job. I am grateful too for the sense of community and neighborliness that I experienced as we lived through an historic winter storm in Baltimore. I'm also thankful that so few people in the area were without power during a storm which packed very high winds in addition to the snow.

In the aftermath of 30 inches of snow, I am grateful!
Randy

CLERK'S CORNER

- The Session and the Board of Deacons are pleased to welcome their newly elected officers. Linda Bluth, Karen Ceanfaglione and Paul Voreacos are ready to join the Session and Bob Gist, Jane Houck and Elena Storey will be joining the Deacons.
- Since our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, Stewardship Season will be in May and June. It is expected that a Stewardship Committee will soon begin planning.
- Palm Sunday will have a new look this year. We will use ECO palms which come from a “friendly” ecological environment in South America. They will have a different appearance than the palms used in the past
- Lenten Studies will meet on Monday evenings during Lent from 7 to 8 PM.
- Many have voiced concerns about storage on the church campus. Downsizing might be in order! A walk through in the next few months will occur and groups and individuals will be contacted regarding space and items which are no longer needed or useful. Hopefully, items can be donated to others or find a new home. This will be a lengthy, continuing process.

Stay Safe and Warm!
Betsy Toole, Clerk

Our weekly email is an important way that your church has of communicating with you. In recent weeks we have been reformatting it in an attempt to make it more personal and meaningful. We welcome feedback on it as we seek to improve it. If you are not on our weekly email distribution



list, please sign up for it. You can sign up on our website or you can call or email the church office and request to be added.



BOOKENDS will meet on Friday, February 12 at 10 AM
This month's selection is
"The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah

Coming up...



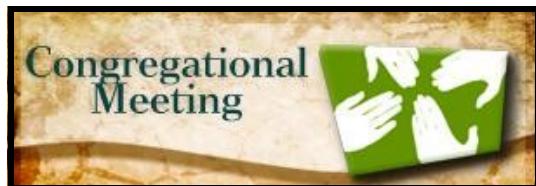
ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent is a time of preparation and reflection and confession as we make our way toward Holy Week and Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on February 10.

Please join us as we start the journey toward Holy Week on Ash Wednesday with a quiet, meditative Service of Worship at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. This service will include the imposition of ashes, a sign of our repentance, need for God, and hope in God's saving love.

Ruth...an Uppity Woman.

Join us on Monday nights at 7:00 PM, February 15 – March 21, as we explore the Book of Ruth. Utilizing a DVD based curriculum, we will reflect on the message and meaning of the book of Ruth, and examine the vulnerability of widows and the difficult situation of foreigners in biblical times. We will explore themes of loyalty, bitterness, courage, poverty and seduction.

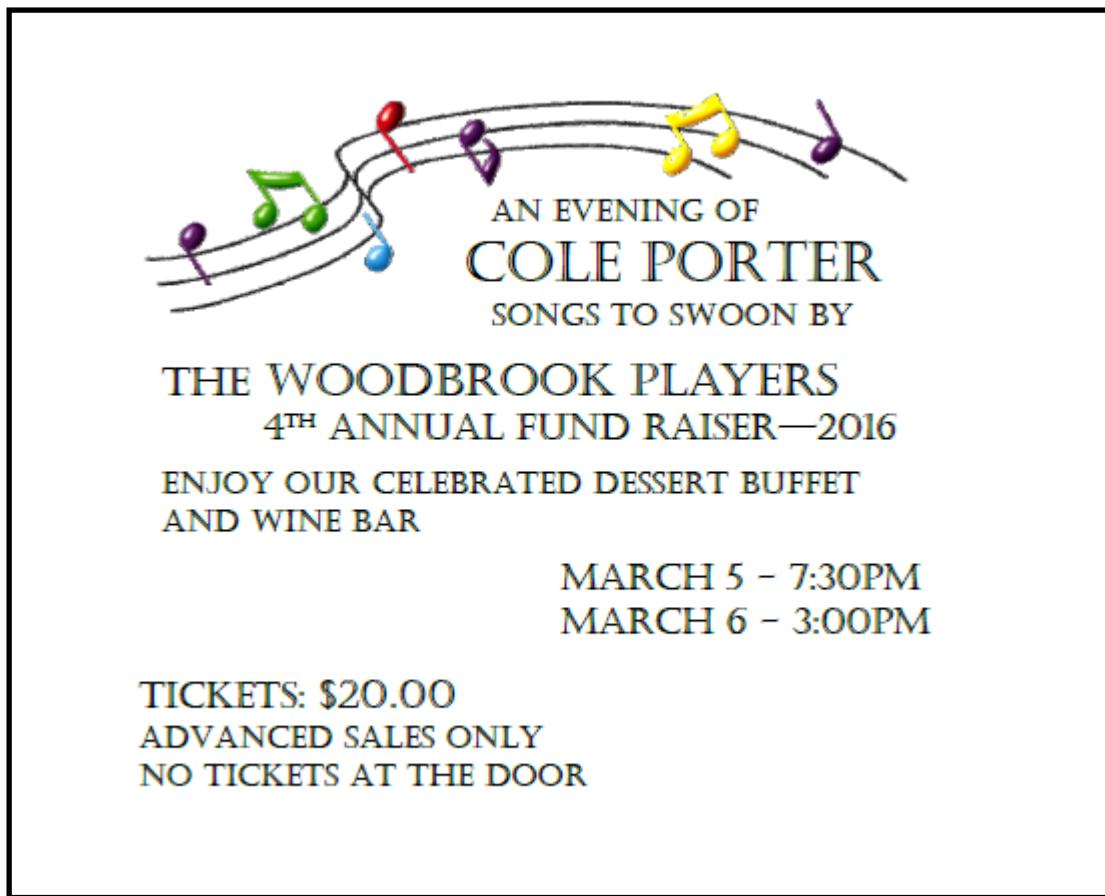


Please join us for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 28. This year's annual meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the Service of Worship. We will enjoy lunch together and celebrate the mission and ministry of our church. Members and guests are encouraged to join us for this special time in our life together. We are anticipating that the new Chair Lift will be installed by that date which will make the Fellowship Hall much more accessible than it is now.

Newly Elected Elders

In January the Congregation elected people to serve in leadership positions for our church as members of the Session or the Board of Deacons. We congratulate the following persons who will be sharing their skills and gifts in service on the Session Paul Voreacos, Karen Ceanfaglione, and Linda Bluth. We also congratulate the following persons who will be sharing their skills and gifts in service on the Board of Deacons: Jane Houck, Bob Gist, Elena Storey.

In accordance with our denomination's Constitution we are going through the process which will culminate in their Installation in late February. Please hold these people in your prayers as they prepare to begin a new service to our church.



AN EVENING OF
COLE PORTER
SONGS TO SWOON BY

THE WOODBROOK PLAYERS
4TH ANNUAL FUND RAISER—2016

ENJOY OUR CELEBRATED DESSERT BUFFET
AND WINE BAR

MARCH 5 – 7:30PM
MARCH 6 – 3:00PM

TICKETS: \$20.00
ADVANCED SALES ONLY
NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

THE WOODBROOK PLAYERS present an Evening of Cole Porter. Settle into a relaxing rhythm with songs to swoon by like “Anything Goes”, “So in Love” and “In the Still of the Night”.

Join us for our 4th Annual Fund Raiser and enjoy our celebrated dessert buffet and wine bar.

March 5th at 7:30 pm and **March 6th** at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 -Advanced sales only.

Tickets will be on sale in the foyer directly after services.

**KICKOFF ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 7, FOR NEW MISSION PROJECT**

This Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, will mark the kickoff for a new mission project. Katherine Stanka and Ken Lewis have both attended ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches) meetings in which they have heard about a project to provide backpacks of food for homeless children in Baltimore County for the Weekends. It is estimated that the cost per child per weekend will be \$10. We are considering adopting two or three families depending on the amount of resources we have. The first step is to collect funds for buying the food.

If you would like to participate in funding this project, checks may be made out to BMWPC with “backpacks” in the memo line and put in the offering plate. There will be a basket available at coffee hour for cash contributions.

Common Ground on the Hill

Acoustic Blues Master

Scott Ainslie

February 5, 2016

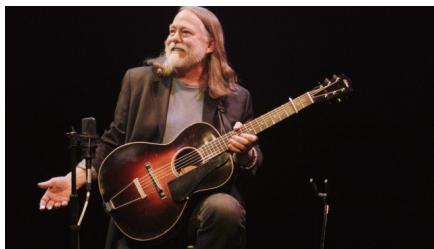
8 PM

Fellowship Hall

"Scott is the kind of musician they don't make any more, in the mold of the late Pete Seeger – unpretentious, dead serious about his craft, dedicated to preserving traditional American music and instruments and so versatile he can make you weep one moment over the story of a dying steel town ("all these houses for sale, and ain't none of them sold") and snicker appreciatively the next at a driving Mississippi blues song full of earthy innuendo." - Washington Post

Armed with a variety of instruments – vintage guitars, a fretless gourd banjo, a one-string, homemade diddley

bow (aka cigar box guitar) and carefully chosen historical personal anecdotes of his encounters with senior musicians across the South – Scott Ainslie brings the



history, roots music, and sounds of America alive. Ainslie has received numerous awards and grants for his work documenting and presenting traditional music. He has been a Public Fellow at UNC -Chapel Hill, and received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts

(NEA, a federal agency in Washington DC) and the Folklife Section of the North Carolina Arts Council. In 2000, Ainslie was also presented with an Indie (the Independent Weekly Triangle Arts Award, Durham, NC), with the National Slide Guitar Festivals' Living Heritage Award, and the 20th Annual Sam Ragan Fine Arts Award for "outstanding contributions to the fine arts" (from St. Andrew's Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, NC).

Individual Concert Tickets: \$25; \$20 Seniors 65+/Teens with appropriate ID.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of snow or ice, which would cause us to cancel services or meetings, we will make every attempt to put a notice on the homepage of our website, www.bmwpc.org, notify via email those who are on our distribution list, and put a message to that effect on the church's Facebook page and the church voicemail system. While we hope that inclement weather doesn't affect our schedule, we also recognize that everyone's safety is vitally important.





Birthdays



Debby Hughey	3
Scott Wong	4
Patricia Short	9
George VanBuskirk	16
Mimi Cooper	21



Keep up with what's going on at our church by checking our Facebook page, Brown Memorial Woodbrook PC USA. And, while you are doing that, please "Like" us.

You can help us spread the word about this congregation by "checking in" on Facebook when you come to worship or to a meeting or an event.

Sunday's

2/7

9:15 Officer Training
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship
11:45 Adult Spiritual Development
1PM Woodbrook Players Rehearsal
7 PM Boy Scouts

2/14

9:15 preChurch
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship
11:45 Team Meetings
1 PM Woodbrook Players Rehearsal
7 PM Boy Scouts

2/21

9:15 preChurch
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship
12 Session
1 PM Woodbrook Players Rehearsal
7 PM Boy Scouts

2/28

9:15 preChurch
10:30 Worship
11:30 Congregational Mtg.
1 PM Woodbrook Players Rehearsal
7 PM Boy Scouts



**Deadline for the March Herald will be
9 AM Monday, February 22**

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

February 2016

Church Calendar, School Calendar 2013 - 2014

Feb 2016 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10:30am - (S) Worship 11:00am - (Ch) After 11:30am - (N) 1pm - (FH) Woodbrook 7pm - (c) Boy Scouts @	9am - WkDS PA 11am - (PN) Staff 12pm - (L) WKDay 7:30pm - (P) CST	9:30am - (NA) Story 10am - Broadmead 7pm - (CR) Canticle	9am - WKSS PA Mtg 10:45am - (L) WKDS- 7pm - (FH) Woodbrook 7pm - (L, PN, P, Ch, NA)	7pm - (CR) Choir	7pm - (FH) Common	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:15am - (PN) Officer 10:30am - (S) Worship 11:30am - (N) 11:55am - (P) Adult 1pm - Woodbrook 7pm - (c) Boy Scouts @	11am - (PN) Staff 10am - Monthly 7pm - (CR) Canticle	9:30am - (NA) Story 10am - Broadmead 11am - Monthly 7pm - (CR) Canticle	Ash Wednesday (Ch) @ 10:45am - (L) WKDS- 7pm - (FH) Woodbrook 7pm - (L) Boy Scout	7pm - (CR) Choir	10am - (L) BookEnds	1pm - (FH) Woodbrook
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:15am - (PN) 10:30am - (S) Worship 11:30am - (N) 12pm - (Ch, PN, & L) 7pm - (c) Boy Scouts @	OFFICE CLOSED for 11am - (PN) Staff 7pm - (p) Lenten Study	9:30am - (NA) Story 10am - Broadmead 7pm - (CR) Canticle	(Fire Drill) 10:45am - (L) WKDS- 7pm - (FH) Woodbrook	7pm - (CR) Choir		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:15am - (PN) 10:30am - (S) Worship 11:30am - (N) 12pm - (L or PN) 1pm - (FH) Woodbrook 7pm - (c) Boy Scouts @	11am - (PN) Staff 5:30pm - (Rm 8) Yoga 7pm - (p) Lenten Study	9:30am - (NA) Story 10am - Broadmead 7pm - (CR) Canticle	10:45am - (L) WKDS- 7pm - (FH) Woodbrook	7pm - (CR) Choir	1pm - (FH) Woodbrook	
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
Congregational 9:15am - (PN) 10:30am - (S) Worship 11:30am - (N) 11:45am - (FH) 1pm - (FH) Woodbrook 7pm - (c) Boy Scouts @	9:15am - (Ch) Weekday 11am - (PN) Staff 7pm - (FH) Woodbrook 7pm - (p) Lenten Study	9:30am - (NA) Story 10am - Broadmead 7pm - (CR) Canticle	10:45am - (L) WKDS- 7pm - (FH) Woodbrook 7pm - (L, PN, P, Ch, NA)	7pm - (CR) Choir	7pm - (FH) Common	6:30pm - (FH)

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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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