

# THE HERALD



**BROWN MEMORIAL**  
WOODBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From the Pastor...Randy Clayton

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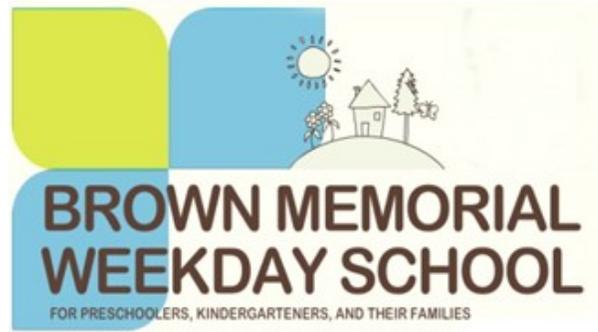
The other day while trying to find a particular book I wanted, I stumbled upon a book I had forgotten I had, The Price of Faith. In an early chapter the author suggests that faith and money are words seldom spoken or heard together. While money and what it buys and stands for in our own lives may seem irrelevant or even disconnected from the practice of Christian faith, I believe that in reality our money and our faith are closely connected.

I'm told that the Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith but more than 2000 verses on money. Sixteen of the thirty eight parables Jesus told had something to do with money or possessions. While we may prefer not to talk about our use of money or the power that our possessions have in our lives, the Biblical witness does not shy away from this topic. Indeed, money and faith are intimately connected. The great reformer, Martin Luther apparently understood this connection and once said, "There are three conversions a person needs to experience: The conversion of the head, the conversion of the heart, and the conversion of the pocketbook."

This year, as has probably been so for decades, each of us is asked to make a financial commitment to support our church's ministry. While I could write about the very real financial needs of the church and while I could appeal to you to pledge to the church because the church must have the support of members and friends in order to operate, I think the starting point for any reflection on stewardship and giving is not with the needs of the church, but with the abundance God has given to each of us. The starting point of our consideration of what we will give away lies within a consideration of the gifts God has given us, and our gratitude for what the ministry of our church means in our lives.

I am praying that each of us will carefully consider our pledge to the mission and ministry of our church for the period 7/1/16 – 6/30/17. I am hopeful that motivating and undergirding our consideration will be an acknowledgment of the abundance God has provided to each of us, the trust we have in God for our future, and our gratitude for what God has

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Brown Memorial Weekday School hosted its first Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents and teachers organized healthy snacks for the children, planted a tree on the hill, and made seed bombs that could be planted in gardens at home. The most special part of the day was a bee demonstration

led by our very own Selwin Gray. Selwin’s expertise on bees and their habitats is very impressive. Not only did we all learn a little more about the honey making process of bees but we all walked away with knowing both the importance of bees and how we are negatively affecting the bee population. Selwin spoke about plant-

ing native plants in our backyards and the dangers of pesticides and fertilizers. Thank you Selwin for his help in making this a fun and educational day at Brown. I also want to take this time to thank the many parents and teachers who made this day so special. Alice Wetzel, the Nature Coordinator,



put many hours into organizing the event and activities. Christine Burchett, a 4’s teacher, helped the children make stone steppers for the school garden, and Patty Bobbitt, a 2’s teacher, took many wonderful pictures to help us remember this fun day. It was great to see members from the church stop by to check out the event including Pastor Randy and his husband Tim Rodden, as we all come together to support this special community!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**

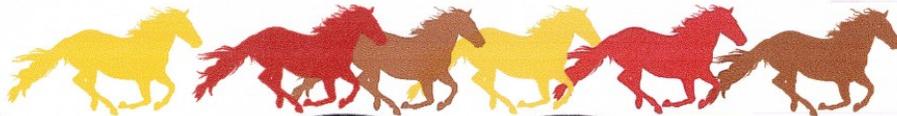
The Brown Memorial Weekday School  
Parents Association Presents Its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Preakness-themed

*Spring  
Fling*

EVENT AND FUNDRAISER

Tickets are free for this fun, **adults-only** affair  
held at Brown Memorial and featuring:

**Live Music, Heavy Appetizers,  
Silent Auction & Cash Bar**



If you would like to attend this fun event there is a RSVP sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

**MISSION PROGRAM**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 22 11:45 A.M.**  
**Sheila Helgerson, Executive Director of Earl's Place**

The following is adapted from [www.earlsplace.org](http://www.earlsplace.org)

EARL'S PLACE is a transitional housing program for men with houses in Baltimore City and Baltimore County to support men who are chronically homeless for up to two years.

When they are homeless, people experience the loss of things that make the world a safe, predictable and orderly place including a loss of power, self-esteem and identity, connection to others, possessions, routines, and control of their lives. The program works to find the balance between providing structure and allowing for self-determination and the opportunity to achieve a higher quality of life.

The residents are provided with a permanent address and a place to receive mail and phone calls. Most importantly, they have a place to call home, where concerns such as having a clean, safe place to sleep, shower, and keep their belongings is alleviated. For some, this is the first time they have had a key of their own.

## **It's Blowing Toward Us**

On Sunday, May 15 we will celebrate the gift of God's Spirit as we observe Pentecost. According to Acts 2, on the first Pentecost while the believers were all together a sound came from heaven which sounded like the rush of violent wind, and they saw "divided tongues, as of fire," which rested upon each of them. And the Spirit's presence enabled the believers to speak in the languages of all the people, which tore down divisions among diverse peoples. Join us on May 15 as we celebrate the gift of God's Spirit, and consider wearing something red to church that day.



## International Lunch Club

We're getting started a little late this year but come join in a new search for eating adventures in Baltimore. On Thursday May 12, 2016 we're off to Fells Point to "8 Ball Meatball" at 814 South Broadway (443 759 5315). Read the Baltimore Sun 4/22 review posted in the Narthax. It is an adventure for meatball lovers. Make your reservation by calling Elsie Wong



at 410 296 3955 or e-mail [Elsiew59@gmail.com](mailto:Elsiew59@gmail.com). Car-poolers meet at BMWPC at 12:15 pm; lunch is scheduled for 1:00 pm. For those who would like to buy or just look at some delicious French pastries, we will visit "The Patisserie Poupon" at 820 East Baltimore Street on our way home.

## The Garden on the Hill

If you go up to the garden on the hill and get down and look closely, you will see the earliest evidence of our planting. To cover some tiny lifeless seeds with soil and in a couple of weeks to see neat little rows of chard, kale, lettuce, and beets is like watching a miracle! On May 14, 9 AM, we will plant the warm



weather crops, pull some weeds and spread some mulch. We welcome all to come and help and enjoy watching the garden grow.

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done in our lives and throughout the world through Brown Woodbrook Church. And then, I am hopeful that our support for Brown Woodbrook will reflect our gratitude, our faith, and our hopes for tomorrow.

# Bible Story ~ Nature Camp

Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church

## Healthy Habitats for Humans and Animals



July 11-15 from 9 AM—Noon

Children 4-12 years old  
Cost: \$40 per family per week  
Scholarships available



Forms on table near office or contact [KBartell@BMWPC.org](mailto:KBartell@BMWPC.org)

*Every day we will: hear & act out a Bible Story, experience a science lesson, sing songs, express ourselves through an arts and crafts activity, enjoy a healthy snack, and spend time on a playground or explore our world on a nature walk*



### **Volunteers needed:**

- ◆ Help with publicity
- ◆ Prepare snacks
- ◆ Assist teachers
- ◆ Take registration
- ◆ Create a bulletin board
- ◆ Set up camp rooms (Catacombs)
- ◆ Clean up after daily sessions

**Flexible hours - help all week or just one day, at your convenience!**

**Contact [KBartell@BMWPC.org](mailto:KBartell@BMWPC.org) to sign up to help!**



# The Woodbrook Players

## Rumors by Neil Simon

Saturdays, April 30, May 7, 14 at 7:30 PM  
Sundays, May 1 and 8 at 3:00 PM

Four couples invited to an elegant 10th wedding anniversary party are about to experience a severe attack of farce. At a large, tastefully appointed Sneden's Landing townhouse, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself - though only a flesh wound. The host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife is nowhere in sight. The Deputy Mayor's lawyer, Ken, and Ken's wife, Chris, must get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and mis-communications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity. The play relies on endless situational comedy bits – revolving doors, kitchen gags, bathroom mishaps, botched suicides, clueless police, and more – to tell the outwardly goofy story of four couples trapped in a well-to-do social party gone haywire.

"Light, frothy and fun." - New York Post. "Has nothing on its mind except making the audience laugh." - The New York Times. "Neil Simon makes people laugh-a lot" - USA Today. "Not only side splitting, but front and back splitting." - NBC-TV.



## Show Information

### Showtimes:

Saturday performances at 7:30 PM  
Sunday performances at 3:00 PM

### Tickets:

Tickets \$20; \$15 Students. Children < 5 FREE  
All tickets available at the door.  
Cash and checks only.

Group rates available for groups of 8 or more. For group rates, contact the Woodbrook Players at [WoodbrookPlayers@gmail.com](mailto:WoodbrookPlayers@gmail.com).



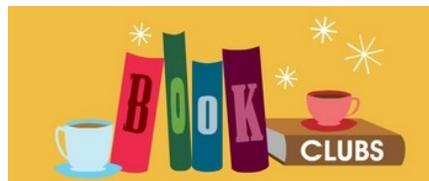
Keep up with what's going on at our church by checking our Facebook page, Brown Memorial Woodbrook PC USA. And, while you are doing that, please "Like" us.

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.

Our weekly e-mail is an important way that our 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 as we seek to improve. If you are not on our weekly e-mail dis-



tribution list, please sign up. You can sign up on our website or you can call or e-mail the church office and request to be added.



**BOOKENDS** will meet on Friday, May 13 at 10 AM to discuss Ladies of Liberty by Cokie Roberts

# Birthdays

Elaine Lankford	2
Jean Summerville	5
Amy Mussen	5
S. Howard Hockett	5
Emery Cleaves	11
Ajax Eastman	14
Sally-lyn Duff	21
Ellen Egger	24
Stephen Saunders	31



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Woodbrook at Broadmead  
 Tuesday 10 AM  
 Contact Sally-lyn Duff at 443-578-8387  
 or [wsduff925@comcast.net](mailto:wsduff925@comcast.net) for more  
 information.



**Deadline for the June/July Herald will be  
 9 AM Monday, May 23**  
 Please submit all information, articles, and reports  
 to the Church Secretary via e-mail:  
[office@bmwpc.org](mailto:office@bmwpc.org)

### Session

#### **Class of 2016**

Betsy Toole, Clerk  
 Elizabeth Ceanfaglione  
 Katherine Stanka

#### **Class of 2017**

Elsie Wong  
 Tom Crawley  
 Bobbie Cook

#### **Class 2018**

Karen Ceanfaglione  
 Linda Bluth  
 Paul Voreacos, Treasurer

### Board of Deacons

#### **Class of 2016**

Tom Eastman  
 Dottie Phipps  
 Anne Stone

#### **Class of 2017**

Edie Cleaves  
 Mimi Cooper  
 Phyllis Ross

#### **Class 2018**

Jane Houck  
 Elena Storey  
 Bob Gist

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 10:30 Worship &amp; Communion 11:30 Fellowship 12 Adult Education-Chapel 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>2</b> 11:00 PM Staff Mtg 5:30 Yoga-RM 8</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 AM Story Time Play Group 10 AM Broadmead Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7 PM Compassionate Friends</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10 AM BookEnds</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>9</b> 11:00 PM Staff Mtg 5:30 Yoga-RM 8</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 AM Story Time Play Group 10 AM Broadmead Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7 PM Boy Scout Committee Mtg. 7 PM Woodbrook Players</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10 AM BookEnds</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 12:00 Session Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:15 AM Weekday School Chapel service 11:00 PM Staff Mtg 5:30 Yoga-RM 8</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30 AM Story Time Play Group 10 AM Broadmead Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 8 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Mission Speaker 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>23</b> 11:00 PM Staff Mtg 5:30 Yoga-RM 8</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30 AM Story Time Play Group 10 AM Broadmead Bible Study</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 8 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:30 PM Woodbrook players performance</p>
<p><b>29</b> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Office closed</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:30 AM Story Time Play Group 10 AM Broadmead Bible Study</p>				



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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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