

# THE HERALD



**BROWN MEMORIAL**  
WOODBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the



## From the Pastor...Randy Clayton

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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

The Session recently shared with the congregation some significant challenges that our church is facing and a process that the Session has put in place to discern a path forward in light of these challenges. Membership declines dating all the way back to our incorporation in 1980, coupled with serious financial issues, are a clear indication that we are nearing a crossroads. To be faithful, we must consider carefully and prayerfully what these challenges mean for the future of our mission and ministry.

While challenges challenge us, they also provide opportunities. In this case, we have an opportunity to seek God's will and to open our hearts to God's vision for us. How does God call us to respond to these challenges? What is God inviting us to do and to become? While exploring these questions is not necessarily an easy task, it's been my experience, that when people really seek God's will with an openness to whatever God might call us to do, we also open ourselves to the possibility that the roots of our faith will grow deeper and stronger, as we begin to experience in new ways the presence and power of God's Spirit among us.

I said in a letter mailed recently to the active members of the church, there is probably no path into the future that will not include some discomfort for us all. Any path forward will herald change. And change is hard. But we face these challenges and whatever changes may occur as a result of our discernment with the presence and love of God in our midst.

So, there is hope! Wherever we are called to go, whatever we are called to be, and however we are called to respond to the challenges before us, the journey and the destination may become a testimony to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for the world working in and through us. With the presence of God beneath us, behind us, above us, beside us, and before us, I believe the path forward may indeed be one in which we may experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ in our midst. Yes, there is always hope!



World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) was first celebrated at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Our denomination's website notes: In 1936 the Presbyterian Church (US) adopted the practice and invited other denominations to

*Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied, "The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

join us. In 1940 the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) encouraged a number of churches around the world to celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.





ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30  
11:30 AM

**INTERNATIONAL LUNCH CLUB**

International Lunch Club: A real find! We liked Remo's of New York so much that the group voted to return on Thursday October 13 for a second visit. Come join us for an Italian afternoon at Remo's of New York at 8811 Waltham Woods Rd. 410-665-0580. (Just after the Perring Plaza Shopping Center) An extensive menu with many good reviews on Google. Call Elsie Wong 410-296-3955 or [elsiew59@gmail.com](mailto:elsiew59@gmail.com) to make a reservation for lunch at 1pm. Carpoolers meet at BMWPC at 12:30 pm. We join our "Underground Gourmet" who rated this as a happy find. Interesting menu, large choice of unusual appetizers, modest prices and big servings, well cooked.



## Thoughts from a Christian Educator

October 2016

By Karen Bartell

Our *church school* program for the fall was successfully launched. The younger children are hearing a new Bible story from the Old Testament each week. The older children are exploring worship experiences and learning how to use their Bibles. Now that they are reading, it is natural to help them learn how to access their Bibles. These 66 little books in one volume can be daunting to young people.

The children will also be taking a turn to do some of the worship tasks each month. ***“Worship is caught not taught.”*** So they will be present more and taking part in the experience of worship. In a month or two after further preparation, the older class will also be invited to take communion.



**Deadline for the November Herald will be  
9 AM Friday, October 21.**

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



Keep up with what's going on at our church by checking our Facebook page, Brown Memorial Woodbrook PCUSA. 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.



## Story Time Play Group

*Story Time Play Group* was launched on September 20, 2016. We are singing, doing finger plays, reading a story, playing and creating an art activity. These art activities often use nature related materials, such as the children in the weekday school might use. We have twenty-four children enrolled in the two groups. Our teacher/leaders, Kirsten Kiphardt, Jessica McCloskey and Mary Nivapumin are the leaders of the classes. This year we have several children that have been born since we started

the program four years ago. Their older siblings, our former participants, are now enrolled in the Weekday School or other Nursery Schools and this youngest child is now coming to Story Time Play Group.



Church members are invited to drop in on a Tuesday morning and observe these little ones, greet the parents, and perhaps set up the Cheerios snacks for the children. It is a refreshing experience to observe the Nursery full of active infants and toddlers with their parents and caretakers. This program is truly a joint effort of the Weekday School and the church. If you are interested, contact Karen Bartell.

## IN MEMORIUM

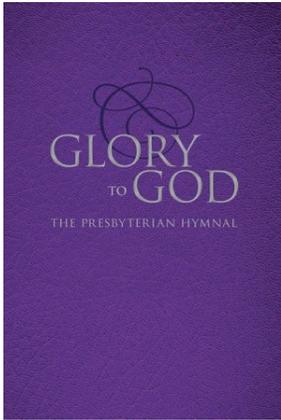
Giving thanks for the life and witness of Midge Nelson who died on Monday, September 19, 2016. As we give thanks to God for Midge, our prayers are also with those who mourn her death.

Services will be held at a later date.

*“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (Rev. 14:13)*



Notes of sympathy can be sent to: Anne Apgar  
405 Warren Road  
Cockeysville, MD 21030



Music is a critical component to worship, and is highly valued here at Brown Woodbrook Church. In order to keep our congregational singing fresh and vibrant, we are hoping to replace our 26 year old Presbyterian Hymnal with the new Presbyterian hymnal called, Glory to God. We invite you to help make the new hymnals possible by donating one or more hymnals. Each hymnal costs \$20 and can be donated in memory or in honor of someone or some important event in your life. Deadline for donations will be September 30, 2016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total amount enclosed)

If you are ordering multiple books and would like them dedicated to different individuals or events, please fill out a complete dedication block for each.

Dedicated in MEMORY or HONOR of **(PLEASE CIRCLE)**

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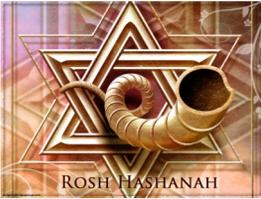
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## FROM OUR FRIENDS AT KOL HALEV:

### A Busy October

Because the Jewish calendar is based on the lunar—rather than solar—calendar, the dates of the Jewish holidays vary from year to year. This year, the important celebrations, including the “High Holy Days,” are in October. Kol HaLev Synagogue will a busy place and the community welcomes the interest of BMWPC congregants.

**S’lichot.** Saturday evening, Sept. 24th. This service is held before Rosh Hashanah to prepare us for “the days of Awe,” introducing penitential prayers and the theme of forgiveness. We will gather to watch the powerful film, **“The Railway Man”**, with Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman, followed by a discussion of forgiveness and reconciliation, themes of the High Holy Days.



**Rosh Hashanah.** The Jewish New Year begins Sunday evening, October 2 and ends Tuesday evening at sundown. Services are celebratory and involve the whole family; the “gates of repentance” are open. We expect a large crowd in The Fellowship Hall on Monday morning and will be in the Chapel on Tuesday morning.



**Yom Kippur**, the Day of Atonement, begins Tuesday evening, October 11, with the Kol Nidre service. Yom Kippur is considered the holiest day of the Jewish year. As a community, we seek forgiveness for our sins against our fellow humans and against God. Many congregants will fast, eating nothing for 24 hours, until the “break fast” on Wednesday evening, in the Narthex.



**Sukkot**, the festival of booths, is the 8-day Jewish Harvest festival. We will construct a sukkah in the BMWPC Peace Garden and celebrate with children and families on October 22 with a light, dairy lunch in the sukkah. AGAIN, THIS IS OPEN TO ALL; COME SHARE IN THE SEASON OF HARVEST.



**Simchat Torah**- October 24- comes at the end of Sukkot, marking the end of the annual cycle of reading the Torah and starting over again at “In the Beginning...” The re-rolling of the Torah scroll is a colorful event.

All of these events are listed in KHL calendar at [www.kolhalevmd.org](http://www.kolhalevmd.org)



# 2016 ACTC THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Donations of food, baskets, or money is due by November 13

Please include **ONLY** the following items in each basket:  
(All additional items should be in separate bags and marked "MISCELLANEOUS")

- 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29oz can)
- 2 cans meat/main dish (example: beef stew or chili-15-24oz cans)
- 1 large can fruit (20-30oz can)
- 4 cans vegetables (example: green beans, peas or corn-15oz cans)
- 1 cranberry sauce
- 2 pkg. macaroni & cheese
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 cake or brownie mix
- 1 bag or box of stuffing mix
- 1 lb. bag or box of rice



\* **PLEASE DO NOT PUT MONEY OR GIFT CARDS IN BAGS.**

## TIPS FOR PACKING:

Pack large cans on bottom & lighter items on top.

If possible use a Reusable Grocery Bag /**OR**

a double brown grocery bag inserted in double plastic bag.

Mark bags as **COMPLETE** or **INCOMPLETE** (list what is missing).

**OR**

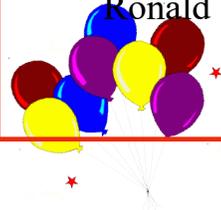
**You will have the opportunity to purchase pre-packed Thanksgiving Baskets from several supermarkets in the area for a reasonable price. Detailed information for this option will be coming to you soon!**

**\*\*Donations of money or gift cards can be placed in the offering plate during Sunday Worship or mailed to the church office. Please mark the envelope/check "Thanksgiving Baskets."**

# October

## Birthdays

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Marc Ceanfaglione  | 4  |
| Susan Andrews      | 15 |
| Karen Ceanfaglione | 15 |
| Evelyn Crawley     | 19 |
| David Oldach       | 23 |
| Anileen Gray       | 28 |
| Maggie Morrow      | 29 |
| Ronald Siegrist    | 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.

Our weekly e-mail is an important way that our church has of communicating with you. If you are not on our weekly e-mail distribution 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.



### Session

Rev. Dr. Randy Clayton, Moderator

#### **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

# October 2016

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat                                     |
|--|--|--|---|---|-----|---|
|  |  |  |   |   |     | 1                                       |
| 2<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>7:00 Boy Scouts  | 3<br>11 AM staff Meeting<br>5:30 PM Yoga<br>7:30 PM CST Meeting    | 4<br>9:30 AM Story Time Play<br>Group<br>10 AM Broadmead<br>Bible Study  | 5<br>7 PM Woodbrook<br>Players<br>7 PM Compassionate<br>Friends       | 6<br>10 AM Security & Safety<br>Meeting<br>8 PM Choir Rehearsal | 7   | 8<br>3 PM Boy Scouts Court of<br>Honors |
| 9<br>10:30 Worship &<br>Communion<br>11:30 Gathering Sunday &<br>Fellowship<br>1 PM Woodbrook Players<br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 10<br>11:00 AM Staff Mtg<br>5:30 Yoga-RM 8<br>7 PM Waking up White | 11<br>10 AM Broadmead<br>Bible Study<br>11 AM Monthly Renters<br>Meeting | 12<br>7 PM Woodbrook<br>Players<br>7 PM Boy Scout Com-<br>mittee Mtg. | 13<br>8 PM Choir Rehearsal                                      | 14  | 15                                      |
| 16<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>11:30 Town Hall Mtg.<br>7:00 Boy Scouts                                       | 17<br>11:00 AM Staff Mtg<br>5:30 Yoga-RM 8<br>7 PM Waking up White | 18<br>10 AM Broadmead<br>Bible Study                                     | 19<br>7 PM Woodbrook<br>Players                                       | 20<br>8 PM Choir Rehearsal                                      | 21  | 22                                      |
| 23<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>7:00 Boy Scouts   | 24<br>11:00 AM Staff Mtg<br>5:30 Yoga-RM 8<br>7 PM Waking up White | 25<br>10 AM Broadmead<br>Bible Study                                     | 26<br>7 PM Woodbrook<br>Players                                       | 27<br>8 PM Choir Rehearsal                                      | 28  | 29                                      |
| 30   | 31   |  |   |   |     |   |



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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.

**Staff:**

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Peter Morey, Director of Music  
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