

# THE HERALD



**BROWN MEMORIAL**  
WOODBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the



Dear Members and Friends,

It seems like only a moment ago it was Memorial Day and then 4th of July. It's almost hard to believe that the summer season has drawn to a close. And yet, the calendar says we are rapidly moving toward cooler weather, shorter days, and a resumption of meetings and activities that keep us busy from September through May.

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As I look ahead, it is clear to me that this church will be a busy place this fall. In addition to the regular weekly and monthly activities that are an ongoing part of our church life, this fall we will have a super special Gathering Sunday, two organ concerts and a homecoming celebration. I am grateful for the time, energy, vision and excitement that is going into planning all of the special events.

I know these will be special moments in our lives as we move toward closing one chapter of our life as a congregation and opening a new one. And, as always, I am grateful for all of the time, energy, vision and excitement that goes into making sure that we are able to worship on Sunday mornings, maintain our facility and property, and engage in faithful mission and ministry.

I hope this summer has been a time of peace and joy for all of us, and that we are ready to dive into a spectacular fall around this church.

In Christ's service,

Randy

## **GATHERING SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

We will celebrate our time together as a congregation. There will be Steeple Story Telling, a simple lunch, and activities for all ages. You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join us for this annual celebration on September 10th. All are welcome!

## **CELEBRATE THE SOUNDS OF OUR SANCTUARY ORGAN**

**October 8th at 4:00 PM**

This fall there will be two concerts to help us celebrate the sounds and beauty of our sanctuary organ. The first concert will be October 8 at 4 PM. The organist for this concert will be Paul Fleckenstein. Mr. Fleckenstein is Music Director and Organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. He holds degrees from the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music and Westminster Choir College, where he held a graduate assistantship as accompanist for the famed Westminster Symphonic Choir. Noted for the diversity of his musical activities, he has performed extensively as solo organ recitalist, conductor, piano and organ accompanist, organ soloist with orchestras, organ accompanist for silent movies, cocktail pianist, and professional choral singer.

He has been a featured performer at conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, the Association of Anglican Musicians, and the San Anselmo Organ Festival, and has been heard on National Public Radio's weekly program, *Pipedreams*. For the 1989 New England regional AGO convention, he performed his original organ score for the 1925 silent movie *Phantom of the Opera* at Woolsey Hall, on the campus of Yale University, and returned to Yale several times for the same performance, co-sponsored by Connecticut Public Radio and the Yale School of Music. He has taken his church choir on five European tours, where he conducted and played in notable venues in Austria, Italy, France, Germany, and the Czech Republic. He is a past Dean of the Delaware AGO chapter.

On the more theatrical side, he has presided at the "Mighty Wurlitzer" organ in New York's Radio City Music Hall for performances of the *Christmas Spectacular*, and he performed the title role in a stage production, *Gershwin, By George!*, which ran for 17 performances at the "Baby Grand" Theatre in Wilmington.

Also, mark your calendar for the second organ concert which will be November 26 at 3 PM. This concert will feature four local organists. More details about that concert will be available at a later date.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22—HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26—ORGAN CONCERT AT 3 PM

FEATURING FOUR LOCAL ORGANISTS

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT**

Please see the event flyer inserted in this publication.. The event is the Soul Kitchen's Annual Fundraiser presented by Govans Presbyterian Church. Featuring The Charm City Labor Chorus, the fundraiser is on Saturday, September 16 at 6:30 pm at Govans.

## **NEW MEMBER**

Welcome Ashley! Ashley Short has joined our Church. We extend to her a joyous and heartfelt welcome.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS**

By Karen Bartell, Christian Educator

As we enter the fall term, we will focus on the Parables that Jesus told. These powerful stories emphasize the role and responsibilities of living as a Christian. Our team of volunteer teachers does such a good job working with the children, who range in age from 2 to 10 years.

We will also do some walking tours of the church outside and inside, noting what parts will be going with us and what might not go as we move to our new church home. As we talk with the children, it should help them better understand and be ready for a new change in a new place. But we will assure them that all of us are moving to a new location. It is something we will be doing as a church community.

Through the fall, we will all celebrate this church and the congregation and community, which we have been a part of for so long. For our youngest members, it is the only church they have known. For the rest of us, it is part of a life long experience of learning and growing.

As a child growing up in the Methodist church, I have fond memories of being a part of six churches in small farming communities in Iowa, as our family moved about following my father's employment. When we moved to a new community, my father would go to the community Methodist church and introduce himself to the Pastor, usually before finding the local grocery store. So on the first Sunday in a new community, we were greeted and welcomed, because he had reached out to them first. Each of those congregations/churches carries a special memory for me, most of them related to the other people I met along the way. At Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian, we will be taking most of those people who anchor those memories with us as we all move to a new location in a few months.

Avery and Marsh, two composers affiliated with the Presbyterian church, wrote this song a number of years ago. I think it might be one that we will want to sing a few times this fall, and we will be teaching it to the children.

Chorus

*I am the church, You are the church,  
We are the church together,  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we're the church together.*

The verses go on to describe many church communities all around the world.

## **BOOKENDS**

The book club is comprised of men and women from the church and community who enjoy discussing a variety of books. The club meets the second Friday of the month at 10 AM in the church Library. The first book discussion is scheduled on October 13 and the book is *Upstairs At The White House*. All are welcome!

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