

BROWNSON BELLS

SEPTEMBER 2026 EDITION

Join Us
— as we —
KICK OFF
a new year
at church!



Sunday,
SEPTEMBER 20

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community
called to *love*
and *live* in Christ.

Dear Brownson Church Family,

Over the past several months, Brownson has experienced a meaningful season of worship, fellowship, and renewed connection. Our 90th Anniversary celebration, followed by worshiping together throughout the summer, reminded us of the joy and energy that comes from gathering as one church family.

After prayerful consideration and thoughtful discussion, the Session has voted and decided to extend our single-service worship schedule through the end of December, with worship each Sunday at 10:30 AM. During this time, our 9:00 and 11:10 AM services will continue to worship together as one congregation.

This is an extension and evaluation period—not a final decision to permanently adopt one worship service.

The decision to extend the summer format was not reached easily. Session engaged in candid and thoughtful discussion, with compelling points expressed regarding the change. The discussion raised an important question: Can the sense of connection we experienced this summer continue during the regular church year?

Extending the schedule gives us an opportunity to answer that question through experience. With Sunday School, children and youth activities, music, fellowship, and other ministries returning to their regular schedules, we can better understand how one worship service works within the broader life of the church.

This extension is not a result of Brownson's All Together Initiative, but rather in conjunction with the initiative, which is a larger process of discerning who we are as a congregation, what we value most, and how God may be calling us to strengthen our worship, fellowship, ministry, and service.

We recognize that there will be questions and concerns surrounding this extension, including worship time, Sunday School and programming, building logistics, and worship preferences. We will remain open-minded and flexible, making reasonable adjustments as we learn together.

As we enter the fall, we also want to encourage all of us to make Sunday mornings a priority—not only for worship, but also for faith formation. Gathering to learn, grow, and worship together is an important part of who we are as a community of faith. With opportunities for children, youth, and adults, we hope Sunday mornings will become a meaningful rhythm for people of every age and stage of life.

Most importantly, we want to hear from you. Throughout the fall, there will be opportunities to share feedback through conversations and other gatherings. At the end of this extension, Session will carefully consider the experience, participation, programming, logistical needs, and feedback from the congregation before making any decision about the future.

We ask everyone to approach these coming months in the spirit of being All Together—with openness, patience, respect for differing perspectives, and a shared commitment to what is best for Brownson and its ministry.

In the coming weeks you will hear more details about worship and the new and exciting faith formation opportunities for all ages of our community.

We look forward to learning together, growing together, and worshiping together each Sunday as we continue this important season of discernment.

Faithfully,

The Session of Brownson Church

Communion Calendar

Sunday, September 6
Sunday, October 4
Sunday, November 1

2026 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson Bill
Berger | Charles Harris | Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg David
Malan | Donna Chapin Farra Wilson | Gena Smith
Jane Howard | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahnert
Kara Vonderkall | Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg
Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron
Ryan Morrison | Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

The Session of Brownson met on Monday, August 17.

The monthly devotional was provided by Elder Gena Smith. This was a combination of testimony and devotion. Gena found the book "Prayer Without Pretending" by Anne Townsend. The author examined the concept of "transactional prayer" and the difficulties with that - guilt if not prayerful enough, the relationship with God becoming more transactional. Elected to focus on prioritizing relationship with God with a more spiritual approach to prayer.

The Session received an update from the Transformation Team about the continued listening the church is doing through the survey and focus groups that were scheduled in August.

The Staying Connected initiative was outlined for Session and was voted on and approved. This initiative is as follows: As Brownson continues to grow, we want to stay connected and care well for every member of our church family. Staying Connected is an ongoing effort to update contact information and keep our church records current. Over the coming months, we will be asking each household to verify their address, phone, email, emergency contact, and directory preferences, and to provide a current photo for our database. This is more than an administrative task—it is one way we care for one another as the Body of Christ.

Coordinating Council proposed to Session that we extend our one worship service through the end of December. The proposal was voted on and approved. There was lengthy discussion with a variety of perspectives expressed, both support and caution were expressed. The proposal was approved by Session vote. Refer to letter from Session on Page 2 of Brownson Bells.

Session was asked to submit all edits to the Manual of Administrative Operations update for 2026 by September 1, 2026.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY Meet Our New Members

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to these new members. We are grateful they are here and look forward to growing in faith and fellowship together.



NEW MEMBERS
Mike & Emily Grimaldi



NEW MEMBERS
Bob Losee & June Sweet



NEW MEMBERS
Stephen & Deborah Wade

A warm welcome to Mike, Emily, Bob, June, Stephen, and Deborah!

ALL TOGETHER

on Sunday Mornings!

We are excited to share our new Sunday morning schedule—designed to help us grow in faith, strengthen our connections, and experience God's love together.

One Church.
Many Generations.
One Faith.
All Together.

OUR NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE



9 AM
COFFEE & DONUTS
in the Atrium

Start your morning with great coffee, treats, and conversation with friends—new and old!



9:30 – 10:20 AM
EDUCATION HOUR
Campus Wide for All Ages
There will be a place for everyone.

Engaging classes and activities for children, youth, and adults—growing together in faith.



10:30 AM
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP
One service. One congregation.
One powerful time of worship.

We gather as one church family to worship God together in word, music, and prayer.



11:30 AM
LINGERING
with Lemonade
Stay a while and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

A sweet time to connect, catch up, and build community before heading into your week.



ONE MORNING. MANY OPPORTUNITIES. ALL TOGETHER.

We can't wait to see you there!

New Opportunities FOR FAITH FORMATION ALL AGES • ALL TOGETHER

We're investing in the faith and future of every generation with meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and connect.



**THE
FAITH LAB**
for Youth

IN THE YOUTH SUITE

A dynamic space for middle and high school youth to explore faith, ask questions, build relationships, and have fun!

- ✓ Interactive discussions
- ✓ Service projects
- ✓ Games & fellowship
- ✓ A place to belong



**GROW,
DISCOVER
& SHINE**

FOR BABIES THROUGH 5TH GRADE

IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

A faith-filled environment where children learn about God's love through stories, activities, music, and hands-on fun!

- ✓ Age-appropriate classes
- ✓ Creative learning
- ✓ Worship and music
- ✓ Building faith & friendships

The nursery will be open all morning for children birth to age three.



CLASSES FOR ADULTS

- ✓ The Living Word Today
- ✓ Ligon Class
- ✓ Donuts & Devotionals
- ✓ Another Chapter
- ✓ It Takes a Village

Opportunities for every adult to learn, reflect, and grow in faith—together.

*There's a place
for everyone!*



LEARNING TOGETHER. GROWING TOGETHER. WORSHIPPING TOGETHER.

All Together in Christ.



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I like these words from the song
“*Lean in Toward the Light*” by Carrie Newcomer:

“ *The shadows of the world will say,
There’s no hope -- why try, anyway?*

*But every kindness, large or slight,
Shifts the balance toward the light.* ”

Newcomer’s words make me think of
the power of **Stephen Ministry**.
Stephen Ministers’ presence and
actions of kindness, large or slight,
provide much-needed light
to their Care Receivers.



For information about
Brownson’s Stephen Ministry
program, contact

**Reverend Elizabeth,
Jeff Ward or
Gerald Ostlund.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

A joyful June gathering at Brownson



Welcome, New Members!

Brownson had a wonderful Lemonade on the Lawn in June! We welcomed new members and enjoyed sweet fellowship together. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this joyful summer gathering!

BROWNSON connects

Our Sunday morning programs meet at 9:30 AM in the Atrium. Grab a cup of coffee and a donut from Higher Grounds and join one of our welcoming, engaging connect groups!

The Living Word Today (hybrid) | ROOM A - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in person or on Zoom. Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945. Led by rotating leaders (Gail Cameron as the contact).

The Ligon Class | ROOM B —This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Rooted in tradition and rich in fellowship, this class offers a welcoming place to deepen your understanding of Scripture and grow in faith alongside others. Through engaging lessons, thoughtful discussion, and the wisdom of shared experiences, this longtime Brownson class continues to build community while exploring what it means to faithfully follow Christ. Led by Mary Margaret McNeill and Linda Branch.

Donuts and Devotionals | ROOM C—Bring your coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings as we discuss scripture from the current week's sermon. Led by Rotating Leaders (Elizabeth Doolin as contact).



Mid-Week Adult Studies

Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast – This group meets the **first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs**. All men of the church are welcome to join! For more information, please contact Bill Berger at bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com.

Fall Bible Study on the Book of Mark: Join Alice Herrington's in-depth Bible study on the Book of Mark on **Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room, beginning September 9**. If you have questions or need information, please contact Bill Berger (bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com or 334.398.1941).

Brownson Moms' Book Club— We will kick off the new programmatic year with a **September Social at the Wine Cellar on Wednesday, September 9 at 7PM!** We will announce our Fall books at that time. This group ordinarily meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Youth Suite. We read and discuss books, faith, families, and come together for fellowship. Contact Elizabeth Doolin for more information at elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.

It takes a Village | CORNERSTONE LIBRARY—Life is better when we don't navigate it alone! It Takes a Village is a community for young adults journeying through the joys, challenges, and transitions of this season of life. Whether you're developing your career, starting a family, building relationships, or simply trying to find your people, this class offers a place to connect, grow in faith, and support one another along the way. Come find your village—and grow together in faith and life. Led by John and Anna Hage and some surprise guest leaders!

Another Chapter | CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE

ROOM—Every season of life brings new opportunities to grow, connect, and deepen our faith. Another Chapter is designed for seasoned adults who may be navigating an empty nest, approaching retirement, or simply wondering what God has in store for the next chapter. Together, this group will explore chapters of the Bible while sharing the joys, questions, and possibilities that come with this season of life. Your next chapter is still being written—come discover it in faith and community. Led by John and Janee Cates and some surprise guest leaders!

2025-2026 Milestones Reached

- Bible Study "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"
 - 5 Active Circles meeting monthly from September to May
 - 3 Joint Circle Gatherings with outstanding speakers or programs
 - Conducted Sunday worship honoring the "Gifts of Women Sunday"
 - Fund Raising with Notecards and ornament sales
 - Fund Raising with the annual "Stay at Home Tea"
 - Provided \$1000.00 scholarships to Brownson high school graduates that applied
- International, National and Local Missions donations total of \$3,700.00**

**Brownson Presbyterian Women's
Mission Donations 2026**

International

Peace and Hope International

L'Eppe School for the Deaf

Nueva Cajamarca, Peru

\$1,000.00 Building Fund

National

Presbyterian Women Publishing Mission

To support the publication of Horizons Magazine
and Bible Study

\$200.00

Local

Friends of Moore County guardian Ad Litem, Inc.

Southern Pines

\$500.00

Appalachian Service Project

Brownson Teens

\$500.00

Tambra Place

(Residential Program for women age 18-24)

Pinehurst, NC

\$500.00

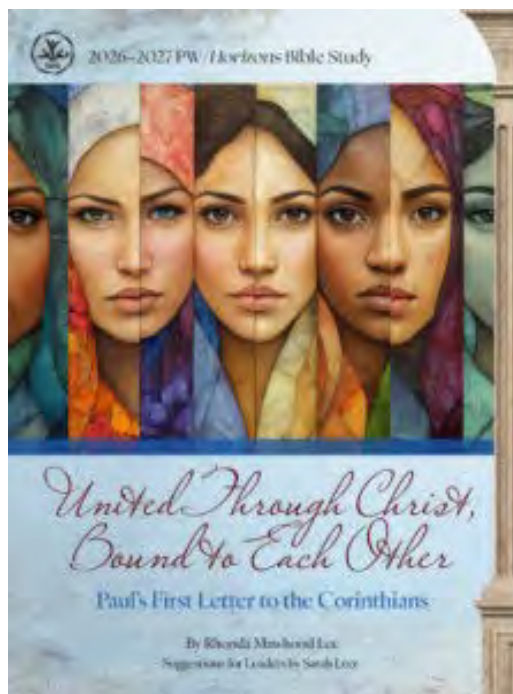
Partners for Children and Families

(Support service for children ages 0-5)

Carthage, NC

\$500.00

Total 2026 Donations: \$3,700.00



*You are cordially
invited to attend*

Beginning September 14

*United Through Christ,
Bound to Each Other"*

Paul's First Letter to the
Corinthians



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Circle Calendar and Leaders

CIRCLE 2 2 nd Tuesday—10 AM Room C	Elaine Sills elainemorgansills@gmail.com	910-690-5379
CIRCLE 3 2 nd Monday—11 AM Room C	Sandra Olbon foxhuntlane@gmail.com	910-603-4804
CIRCLE 4 1 st Thursday—10:30 AM Room C	Kathy McPherson kathy@clanmcpherson.com	910-420-0413
CIRCLE 6 2 nd Monday—10 AM Room B	Libby Marsh 72bulbqueen18@gmail.com	910-690-9600
CIRCLE 7 3 RD WEDNESDAY – 10 AM Room C	Lisa Beck eliza.beck7@gmail.com	910-639-5827

Music at Brownson

There are exciting things happening in the Music Ministry at Brownson this fall, and there is a place for you!

We came out of Summer Choir with wonderful energy and a renewed sense of how joyful it is to sing together. To everyone who joined us this summer: we would love for you to keep singing! And if you have ever wondered what it might be like to sing with the Chancel Choir, you are warmly invited to join us on a Sunday morning for rehearsal and simply give it a try. No long-term commitment is required to come and see what choir is all about.

This fall brings several special opportunities to participate. On **All Saints Sunday, November 1**, the Brownson Chancel Choir will present James Whitbourn's *Son of God Mass* during the 10:30 AM worship service. This beautiful choral work for choir, organ, and soprano saxophone will be dedicated in loving memory of Michael Howe, who served Brownson for many years as Director of Music Ministries and Organist. If you would like to sing this work with us, you are welcome! Rehearsals begin **Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m.**

Then we turn toward Advent and Christmas! If Christmas music is more your speed, join us for our choir session during the churchwide retreat, when we will begin preparing the festive music for **Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 13**. Continue with us at the Wednesday evening rehearsals that follow, and you'll be ready to sing alongside the Brownson Chancel Choir, Youth and Children's Choirs, and community orchestra for a joyful intergenerational celebration of the season.

And be sure to mark **Sunday, December 6, at 5 PM**, on your calendar, when Brownson welcomes the **East Carolina University Chamber Singers** to our sanctuary for a special community concert. This premier auditioned ensemble will offer an evening of beautiful choral music that you will not want to miss.

Whether you come to sing, to listen, or to worship through music, I hope you'll be part of what is ahead. **There is a place for you in Music at Brownson.**

Amy

Worship & Music Notes



Montreat Worship & Music Conference



“ My time at Montreat brought together many of the things I value most:

- Singing uplifting music in a choir of 400 musicians
- Spiritual encouragement and reflection from renowned speakers
- Time spent connecting with fellow Brownson members
- Good food and shared fellowship

I would highly recommend the experience to others, and I'm already looking forward to returning next year.

—Jeff

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We thoroughly enjoyed singing with a 600-member choir under leadership of a fun & talented director. The fellowship among our Brownson group and those we met during the week at Montreat was amazing!

Come join us next year!

—Kay & John Bullard

“

Montreat offered a powerful reminder of how deeply God moves when we gather in community. Surrounded by hills, lifted by voices of all ages, and grounded in worship that engaged mind, body, and spirit, I felt a renewed sense of connection—to God, to nature, and to my choir family. It was a spirit-led experience that strengthened our bonds and filled us with fresh inspiration.

—Kristen

“

The "Who'll Be a Witness" conference was a very enjoyable and informative experience. I loved how art, music, movement and storytelling were interwoven throughout each daily service. The opportunity to sing with advanced vocalists on a daily basis was second to none! Montreat was a very memorable experience for me.

—Suzanne

East Carolina University Chamber Singers

Brownson Church is proud to host The East Carolina University Chamber Singers on Sunday, December 6 at 5 PM. The Chamber Singers are the premier, highly selective auditioned choral ensemble at the East Carolina University School of Music in Greenville, North Carolina. Directed by Dr. James Franklin, the ensemble features around 30 to 40 dedicated students—primarily vocal and music majors—performing advanced a cappella and accompanied sacred and secular choral literature. The group tours annually and has performed by invitation at international choral competitions, regional and national conferences of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), and the National Association for Music Education. Join us in our sanctuary for this special concert.



BROWNSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SON *of* GOD MASS

JAMES WHITBOURN

On All Saints Sunday, the Brownson Chancel Choir will present James Whitbourn's *Son of God Mass*—a luminous modern setting of the ancient words of the Mass.

Originally drawn from music Whitbourn composed for the BBC's acclaimed *Son of God* series, the work brings together choir, organ, and soprano saxophone in a sound world at once ancient and modern.

The saxophone moves through and around the voices almost as another human voice—sometimes meditative, sometimes searching—while the choir carries the timeless prayers of the liturgy.

Music of mystery, beauty, remembrance, and hope, *Son of God Mass* offers a particularly meaningful musical journey for All Saints Sunday.

*This musical presentation will be dedicated
in loving memory of Michael Howe,
who served as Director of Music Ministries
and Organist at Brownson
from 1997 to 2017.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

FEATURING THE BROWNSON CHANCEL CHOIR
with organ and soprano saxophone



ALL ARE WELCOME.

Bridges of Faith:

The Continuation Series

An Interfaith Panel of Communication

Join us to build upon the original interfaith gathering and the powerful conversations sparked from that event.

Organized by members of the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities, this continuing series invites participants to explore diverse faith traditions through meaningful dialogue, shared experiences, and audience participation. Join us as we deepen understanding, celebrate our shared values, and continue building bridges of respect, connection, and peace.

All are welcome—regardless of background—to listen, learn, and connect.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:00 PM

Foundation Hall, Sandhills Community College

FREE Event — Registration REQUIRED

<https://sandhillscscc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/22536>



Presented in partnership with:

Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fort Bragg Jewish and Muslim Communities, Masjid Omar Ibn Sayyid, Pinehurst United Methodist Church, Sandhills Community College, Sandhills Jewish Congregation and Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church

Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church Library

"Resources to help grow your faith"

OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY, 9 AM-4 PM | Cornerstone Building, 2nd Floor

September Book Recommendations

The Joyful Christian

By C.S. Lewis

A collection of 127 devotional readings drawn from Lewis's writings on faith and spirituality. These selections invite Christians to rediscover the deep joy Lewis himself described as being "surprised by joy."

Lewis taught medieval and Renaissance literature at Oxford and Cambridge and wrote more than thirty books, including *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. He died in 1963.

The Son of Laughter

By Frederick Buechner

Buechner's vivid retelling of the biblical story of Jacob brings fresh life to an ancient family saga filled with conflict, passion, grace, and human frailty - all told with his distinctive eloquence and wit.

Buechner was an ordained Presbyterian minister and the author of more than thirty works of fiction and nonfiction. A Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist, he died in 2022.

Tanya and the Border Guard

By Anita Deyneka

A young Russian girl longs for a Bible and finds help from an unexpected soldier during a time of religious persecution - a story of courage, faith, and providence.

Deyneka is a longtime missionary, author, and advocate for vulnerable children whose ministry spans the Soviet era.

Recommended for children ages 8-12

Messenger

By Lois Lowry

The third book in *The Giver Quartet* explores honesty in community, selfishness versus the common good, and questions of identity, difference, and diversity through a compelling young adult science-fiction story.

Lowry has written more than fifty books for children and young adults and received Newbery Medals for *Number the Stars* and *The Giver*.

Recommended for ages 12 and up

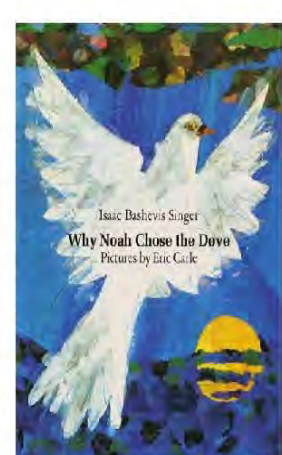
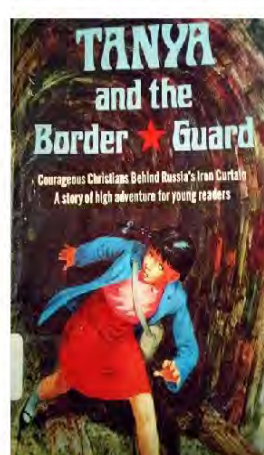
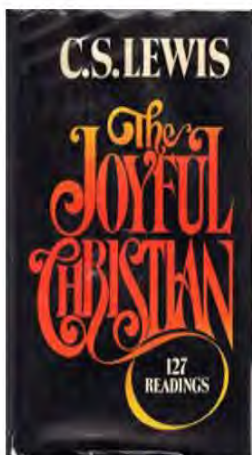
Why Noah Chose the Dove

By Isaac Bashevis Singer | Illustrated by Eric Carle

Singer's Old Testament retelling gives the Flood story a playful new dimension as the animals praise their own special qualities. The dove alone does not boast, and Noah chooses it as his messenger - a gentle celebration of humility and peace, paired with Eric Carle's bright collage illustrations.

Recommended for ages 7-9

Come browse, borrow, and discover something new for your faith journey.



APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Brownson Church had an amazing impact in Shady Valley, TN the last week in July.

Fourteen youth and five adults spent a week helping people have warm, dry and safe homes for the winter. Not only did they do hard work in the heat, Brownson stepped up and raised the most money we ever have to send back to ASP for winter projects.



Thank you for loving our neighbors through your prayers, support and generosity! ❤️



L'Eppe School

Peru



Andemos!

We walk together. *Andemos* was the theme of this year's mission trip to the L'Eppe School for the Deaf in Peru. Located in the northern Amazon region outside of Moyobamba, the school is home to a large community of deaf students, their families, and teachers dedicated to educating this beautiful but vulnerable population.

Nine years ago, when a small team from Brownson first visited, the school met in a small storage shack on the property of a local Catholic school. Today, the school has its own property with three large classrooms, a bathroom facility with running water, and a pavilion for community gatherings. This year, we helped install a volleyball court, added a mural to the exterior of the classroom building, and planted shrubs and small trees around the perimeter.

Thanks to the generosity of our mission team and the school's recent connection to the power grid, we were able to deliver 11 laptop computers, a projector, and a satellite internet system. This technology has the potential to exponentially expand learning opportunities, providing students with access to online education and sign-language resources, the ability to learn computer skills we often take for granted, and pathways to higher education and skills training for future employment.

Most importantly, we spent a great deal of our time with the students and their families—learning from each other, playing games, and working on crafts, including fairy hair, friendship bracelets, and more. We brought dozens of new shirts featuring the name of the school and the international sign for “I Love You” over the heart. You should have seen the look of shock on the mothers' faces when we suggested we tie-dye the shirts! To our surprise, they wanted to save the shirts to use as uniforms. We set aside enough for that purpose and had fun tie-dyeing the rest.

Our time at the school was pure joy. Walking together with this community has been a blessing for the past nine years. *Andemos—we walk together.*

Join us in supporting the L'Eppe School for the Deaf in Peru:

2027 Peru Mission Trip: August 1–8, 2027 (optional extension to Cusco, Machu Picchu, and the Sacred Valley, August 8–13)

Donations are requested for recurring expenses. Our Global Missions Ministry Team has established a restricted fund for:

- **Internet Service:** \$600/year
- **Student Transportation:** \$300 per student/year
- **Lunch Meals:** \$100/week





Congregational Care *and* Connection

As we enter the start of the new programmatic year, this is a great time to get plugged into the work of Congregational Care! There are so many ways that we can share Christ's love with our Brownson family: through the Wednesday Prayer Group, Stephen Ministry, the Visitation Ministry Team, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Funeral Care Team, Martha's Friends, the Hospital Team, and more. If you feel God nudging you to get involved in the work of care, please contact Elizabeth Doolin at elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.



Mark your calendars for the *Blessing of the Animals* coming up on **Sunday, October 11, at 4PM in the grass parking lot** as we honor God's creation and our special pet friends! Please bring pets that socialize well around other animals. If you know your pet is not the social type, you may bring a collar or a picture to have blessed instead!



Our Home Communion Team will serve communion to homebound members of Brownson the **afternoon of Sunday, November 1**. If you are a Ruling Elder or Stephen Minister and would like to serve, please contact our Home Communion Coordinator, Barbara Gaylord, at bedfordbarbara@yahoo.com. **Home Communion Training will be held on Sunday, October 25, in Conference Room A immediately following worship.** Additionally, if you are homebound and would like to receive communion, or if you know of someone who would, please email that information to Barbara as well.

This year we will be heading back to Caraway Conference Center November 13-15 for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, faith formation, good food, recreation, and connection with our church family.

The theme for the retreat is "Bind Us Together" and we will explore that theme through music, creative activities, preaching, small group discussion, break out sessions and more.

We are also excited to welcome back Rev. Ernie Thompson as the retreat speaker. Rev. Thompson is a retired PC (USA) pastor who served congregations in Wilmington and Greensboro during his ministry. He has a gift for teaching, is a life-long learner and he is excited to spend the weekend with us.

A few things to remember.....

- you can also participate as a day-tripper and join us for Saturday only
- transportation is provided for day-trippers if needed
- a 50% deposit is due at the time of registration
- never hesitate to reach out with questions!

Register now! We hope you will join us for this intergenerational church event!



Intergenerational SERVING

TOGETHER IN FAITH. TOGETHER IN ACTION.

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

Join us as we pack
meals and package
hope for families
around the world.



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4**



FOLLOWING WORSHIP
Lunch Provided!



ALL AGES. ONE PURPOSE. ENDING HUNGER TOGETHER.



Staying Connected



Staying Connected

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LOCAL MISSIONS



Neighbors Helping Neighbors



NEW!

BROWNSON BUDDIES OPPORTUNITY

Located near
the church in the
old Southern Pines
Elementary School



Choose your day(s),
Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays,
and your choice of activities, not just academics.



POWER HOUR
2:45–3:45 PM

If your love is tutoring, you would sign up for Power Hour to assist with learning activities, reading and homework help.



ACTIVITIES HOUR
3:30–4:30 PM

If you want something different, you can sign up for the Activities Hour, which includes crafts, games, etc.



Contact Caryl Schunk, 336-312-2216,
or Sara Conti, 937-725-3016 for more details.



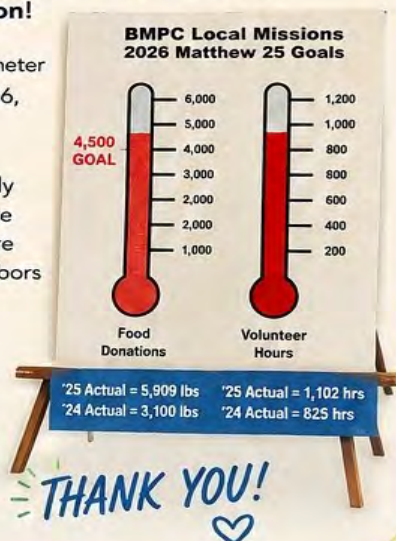
♥ A HUGE THANK YOU!

to the VBS participants for their donation of close to 3200 pounds of food for our partner, **the Sandhills Coalition!**

Our update of the thermometer puts us at our goal for 2026,

4500 pounds!

With your continued weekly support, we will provide the Coalition with several more pounds to assist our neighbors with food insecurity in Moore County.



2026 SHOE DRIVE *is underway!*

Children are heading back to school and we are holding our Third Annual Shoe Drive for **Northern Moore Family Resource Center** in **Robbins**.

As we told the children during the children's message on August 2, My Faith's Got Shoes and if we're to be Jesus' hands and feet, we need to shop for some extra pairs of shoes!



OUR GOAL:

200 PAIRS
OF NEW GYM SHOES
FOR STUDENTS AGES 4–18!



We'll be collecting each Sunday starting **August 2** thru the month of **September!**



Collection containers are located in the narthex and near the Goals Thermometer Chart near the Atrium.



FALL HIGHLIGHTS

A new programmatic year is always exciting in the life of Brownson Kids! There's routine, structure, school, church programming, and lots of reasons to celebrate God's goodness as we look at this season in our lives.



When I think about seasons, I am reminded of Scripture and the different seasons of David's life. For the last few weeks during Kids Worship, our children have been reminded of the faithfulness of God through every part of David's story. On the good days, the bad days, the uncertain days, and every day in between, God showed time and again that we can trust Him; He is for us!



"LET YOUR UNFAILING LOVE SURROUND US, LORD,"
"FOR OUR HOPE IS IN YOU ALONE." • PSALM 33:22

A NEW PROGRAM YEAR!

Kids Worship will continue on Sunday mornings, but we're excited to kick off our Kids Connect program on Sunday, September 13. Kids and youth will gather together with families, having dinner, playing games, and sharing important dates for the year. All children in grades K-5 are invited to attend. We would absolutely love to have your family join us!

YOU'RE INVITED!

KIDS CONNECT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 5-7 PM

DINNER • GAMES • GRADES K-5 + FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**OCT
25**

Trunk or Treat

**NOV
13-15**

Church Retreat

**DEC
6**

Cookies & Christmas Ornaments (AM) Chili & Caroling (PM)

**JUN
21-24**

Vacation Bible School • 2027

SUNDAY MORNING

FAITH FORMATION

> Babies – 5th Grade <

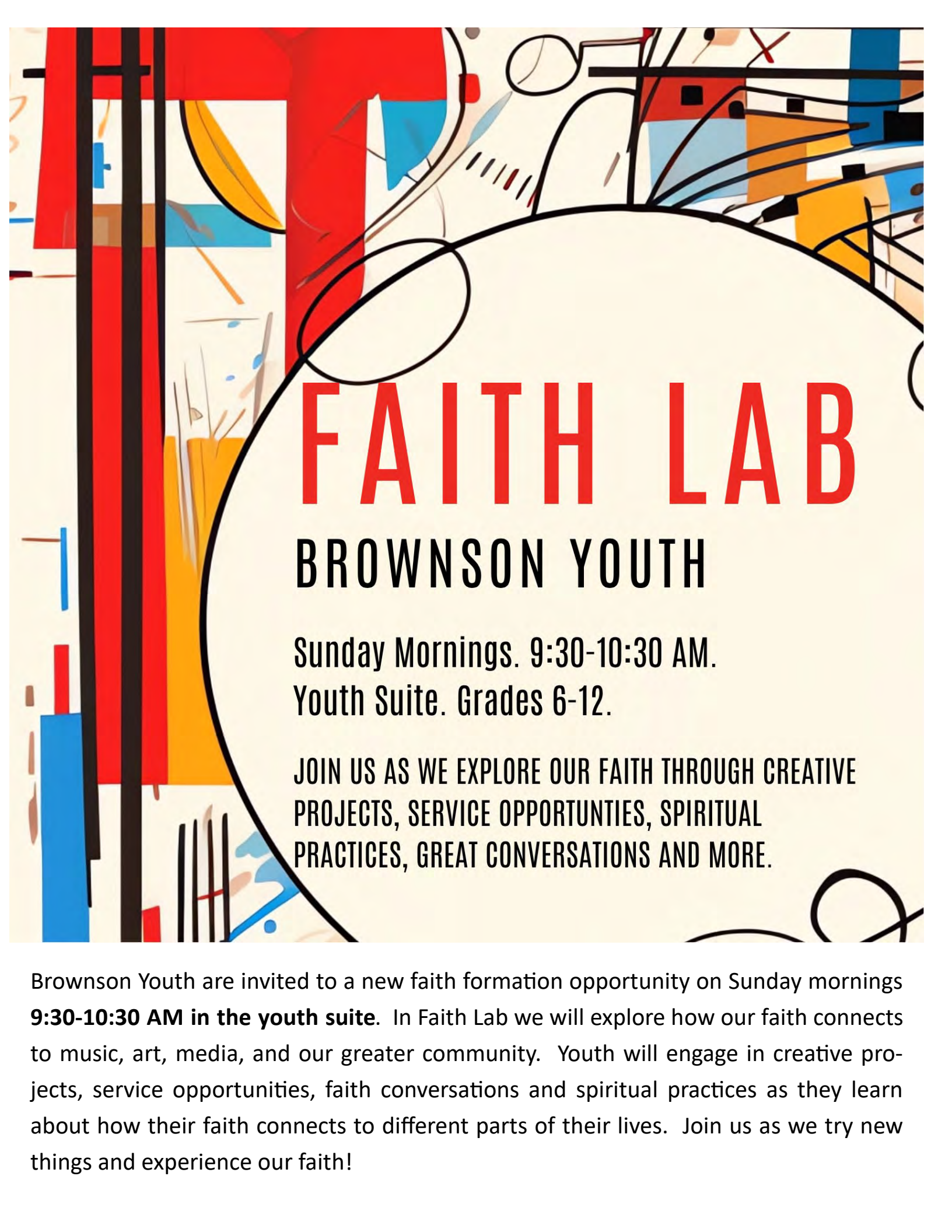


Faith Formation for Children!

We are excited to bring exciting new opportunities to the 9:30 Faith Formation hour for children! The Bible will be presented in engaging and creative ways – appropriate and fun for your child at their stage of development. Our two groups will be PreK – K, and 1st – 5th grade, allowing the community already developed during Kids Worship to extend to the Faith Formation hour as well. We hope you will join us as we grow in fun, faith, and fellowship! The nursery will be open all morning for babies up to age three!

9:30 AM—Education Building

10:30 AM—Worship in the Sanctuary



FAITH LAB

BROWNSON YOUTH

Sunday Mornings. 9:30-10:30 AM.
Youth Suite. Grades 6-12.

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE OUR FAITH THROUGH CREATIVE
PROJECTS, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, SPIRITUAL
PRACTICES, GREAT CONVERSATIONS AND MORE.

Brownson Youth are invited to a new faith formation opportunity on Sunday mornings **9:30-10:30 AM in the youth suite**. In Faith Lab we will explore how our faith connects to music, art, media, and our greater community. Youth will engage in creative projects, service opportunities, faith conversations and spiritual practices as they learn about how their faith connects to different parts of their lives. Join us as we try new things and experience our faith!

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

The youth had a wonderful summer, filled with conferences and missions trips that allowed them to grow in their relationship with others and with God.



While at **MASSANETTA**, the middle schoolers learned about peace while making new friends and enjoying time dancing, laughing and singing.



MONTREAT was an incredible week talking about stories of wondering and wandering in the Bible. The high school youth also experienced the beauty of God's nature through hiking, swimming, paddle boating and star gazing.



The **APPALACHIA SERVICE CREW** helped finish up two homes in eastern Tennessee, doing everything from installing windows and laying flooring to painting and moving in new furniture. Their willingness to serve made a huge impact in the lives of several deserving people.



YOU'RE INVITED! FALL KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 5-7 PM
BROWNSON YOUTH • GRADES 6-12

Now we gear up for fall and the start of a new programmatic year!

All youth in grades 6-12 AND their parents are invited to the first youth group on September 13 5-7 PM in the fellowship hall. We will eat a meal and then the youth will go play some games while the parents have a very informational meeting.

We have a lot of wonderful things in store to start the year!



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!



SEP 13



Youth Group Kickoff.
5-7 PM. Fellowship Hall.

SEP 20



Confirmation Class.
2:30-5 PM. Youth Suite.

SEP 16



Confirmation Parent and
Partner Meeting.
7 PM. Youth Suite.

SEP 20



Youth Group—High School Only.
5-7 PM. Youth Suite.

SEP 17



First High School Bible Study.
7:30-8:20 AM.
PineScone Southern Pines.

SEP 25-27



High School Beach Trip.
Wilmington.

SEP 18



Middle School Half-Nighter.
6-11 PM.

SEP 27



Youth Group—Middle School Only.
5-7 PM. Youth Suite.

Happy Birthday!

FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY



9/2

Phil Peterson
Chris Vonderkall

9/3

Mandy Berg
Nancy Collins
Holly Daane
Sara Dent
Haley McGuirt

9/4

Judy Harte
Andy Jaimes
Christopher Maynor
Annaka Murphy
Bennett Moore
Ailish O'Brien
Linda Parsons

9/5

Sue Jaehne
Mary Margaret McGuire
Donna Morella
Ryan Morrison
Catie Musselwhite

9/6

Ann Edgerton
Mitchell Friesen
Ethan McClymont
Mary Margaret McNeill

9/7

James Marino
Nancy McNiff
Maria Milligan
Lee Pittman

9/8

Harry Beauchamp
June Berry
Leanne Miller Harte
Hank Roofe

9/9

Bill Berg
Dale Hotchkiss
Madison Mulhaul
Mason Mulhaul
Philip Picerno
Rick Riordan
Jim Sugg

9/11

Art Edgerton
Ryan Ciccone
Bill Fitzgerald
Scott Kittrell
David Sherrod

9/12

Kay Demyan

9/13

Nancy Beddingfield
Ebbie Monroe

9/14

Jean Ellis
Sarah Ordway
Fred Rose
Carol Wallace

9/15

Trey Black
Gail Cameron
Sue Carlson
Cindy Goodman
Jean Wallen

9/16

Will Blackwood, IV
Betty Chandler
Anne Huberth
Austin Rosenberger

9/17

Kenneth Goodman
George Morris
John Robbins

9/18

Dennis Baggett
Miles Patti
Jan Lindstrom
Stella Wilson

9/19

Joseph Harrell
Carol Henderson
Sandy O'Donnell

9/20

Debbie Brooks
Barbara Eidam
Steffi Entzminger
Mary Mitchell Morris
Cathy Roofe

9/21

Dianna Davis
Hope Dugenske
Nick Eddins
Carmie Hunter
Eric Kuester

9/22

Isabella Carroll

9/23

Abby Beneviat
Leighanne Beidleman
Chelsea Carroll

9/24

Sherwood Blackwood
Bryant Gauthier
Louise Thomas
Frankie Wilson

9/25

Charlie Patterson
Judy Romine
John Strickland
Axia Wilson

9/26

Ford Kuester
Nammi Smith
Dan Telles

9/27

Linda Branch
Don Hiscott
Paul McGuire
Don McLeod

9/28

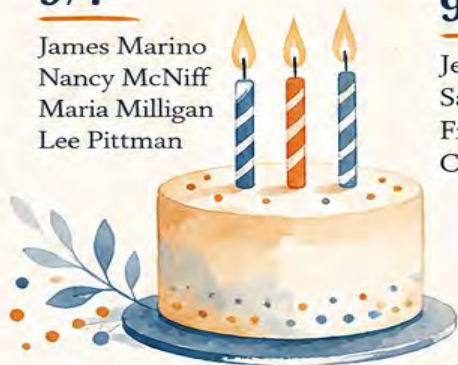
Martha Collier
Katie De Blasio
Karen Fisher

9/29

Mark Tibboel
Carole McFarland

9/30

Lynn Lineberger



Happy Anniversary!

FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY



9/1

Bill & Bonnie Berger
Harry & Linda Webb

9/3

Justin & Stephanie Ames
Chris & Kara Vorderkall

9/12

Herchel & Carol Spears
Wayne & Carolyn Tucker

9/13

Clem & Kamron Monroe

9/15

Kyle & Steffi Entzminger



9/16

Jeff & Lynda Acker
Tommy & Donna Chapin
Dick & Betty Rice
Jim & Emilie Simeon

9/17

Ed & Ginger Monroe

9/18

Steve & Chris DiMarco
Earl & Sue Nicholie

9/20

Bill & Mary Lee Gilmore
Asa & Michelle Moran
C.S. & Laurie Morris

9/22

Clark & Pat Groseth

9/23

Allen & Melody Williams

9/25

Anthony & Julie Haro

9/26

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Michael & Mara Fiskin

9/29

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John Krahner | Kara Vonderkall
Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg
Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron
Ryan Morrison | Ruth Burgin
Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-4 PM
Higher Grounds—Coffee & Donuts: 9 AM
Education Hour: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Livestream Worship: 10:30 AM
Linger with Lemonade: 11:30 AM



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