

Brownson Bells

BROWNSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER
2026
EDITION

Fall Happenings

CONNECT • SERVE • LEARN • GROW

BROWNSON
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ.

Dear Brownson Church Family,

As I reflect on these first few weeks of our fall together, one word keeps coming to mind: **gratitude**. We are off to a wonderful start, and there is so much happening at Brownson worth celebrating.

On Sunday mornings, classrooms are filling with people learning and growing together. Our new **It Takes a Village** class has been full, children and youth are participating in faith formation and finding meaningful places in worship, and after the service, people are lingering with lemonade—talking, laughing, and connecting. Those moments matter. **Community is being formed.**

Our High School Beach Retreat is full, and the generosity surrounding it has been especially meaningful. After seeing our children and youth participating in worship, one member was moved to help sponsor families who needed assistance attending the church retreat. Another donor is considering making one of the largest gifts in Brownson's history and has asked to remain anonymous. I simply give thanks to God for these expressions of generosity and for the belief they represent in what God is doing through this church.

Our ministry is reaching beyond our walls as well. I recently met with a wonderful group exploring the launch of **StepUp**, an adult mentoring program led by our own Jane Howard. We are also preparing to serve together through **Rise Against Hunger**, celebrate **World Communion Sunday** alongside Christians around the world, and welcoming **new members into our Brownson family**.

There is a lot happening, but underneath all of it, I see something even more important: **people are engaging. People are showing up. People are giving. People are connecting. People are taking ownership of this community we love.**

We often talk about being “**a missional community called to love and live in Christ.**” I believe we are seeing what that looks like.

It looks like a classroom full of people. It looks like lemonade and conversation. It looks like children and youth finding their place in the life of the church. It looks like someone quietly saying, “I want to help a family go on that retreat.” It looks like generosity, mentoring, and serving our neighbors. It looks like gathering around Christ's table. And it looks like new people saying, “**This is a church where I want to belong.**”

Brownson, **thank you**. Thank you for your openness, your patience, and your energy. Thank you for trying new things, asking good questions, showing up, and committing yourselves to the life and ministry of this church.

There is still much to learn, and there will certainly be things we need to adjust along the way. But I believe something beautiful is happening among us.

God is at work at Brownson, and I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

With gratitude and hope,

John



Communion Calendar

Sunday, October 4
Sunday, November 1
Sunday, December 6

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, September 21, 2026.

The monthly devotional was provided by Elder Roy Cameron. He related his experience with a children's sermon in which the discussion related to the establishment of churches. He emphasized that the Church is not defined by buildings, but rather is represented by the people - that group is bound together by faith and proceeding in their mission to complete God's purpose in the best manner possible.

Clerk of Session Art Edgerton provided a brief update on the next steps for the All Together Initiative. There is a scheduled meeting of the Transformation Team on Monday, September 28. At that time, the feedback from the "Tell Me a Story" event held on Sunday, 9/13 will be reviewed. The Team will reflect on what the congregation shared about Brownson's values and giftedness and how that shapes our distinct calling. The Initiative's next steps will be to look outward, engaging the community at large to identify mission opportunities.

Rev. Hage reviewed new adult education programs that will be available this fall that include two new classes: "It Takes a Village" and "Another Chapter". Additionally, there are Sunday options for youth of all ages, including "Grow, Discover and Shine" for youth through fifth grade and "Faith Lab" for Brownson youth. He added that the hope is that these programs will prove to be invitational, hospitable, and flexible. Staying Connected Initiative, an effort is underway to update and validate the Brownson membership roles. The Book of Order states that: "The Session may delete names from the roll of the congregation when a member so requests, or has moved or otherwise ceased to participate actively in the work and worship of the congregation for a period of two years."

The Session shall seek to restore members to active participation and shall provide written notice before deleting names due to member inactivity." A number of members have been identified as no longer being local residents and therefore, no participation in the activities of the church for at least two years. A proposed letter to be sent to these inactive members seeks to establish contact, detail ways that the member could re-engage with the life of the church, but also confirm their deactivation if they so request. The list of members to contact and the letter were approved by Session vote.

Mandy Berg, Chair of the 2026 Nominating Committee shared the slate of nominees selected for the Elder Class of 2029 and the Session approved a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 18 for the purpose of approving that slate.

There will be a Called Session meeting on Sunday, October 4 to welcome new members.

Our Sunday morning programs meet at 9:30 AM. At 9 AM in the Atrium, grab a cup of coffee and a donut from Higher Grounds and join one of our welcoming classes for adults!

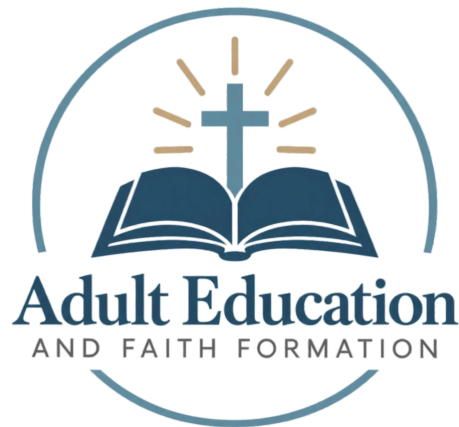
The Living Word Today (hybrid) | ROOM A - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in person or on Zoom. Led by rotating leaders (Gail Cameron as the contact). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85450413352?pwd=PTISovvYj0DZS1CnbZr35JDE3RqbUD.1>

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).

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 Hage and some surprise guest leaders!

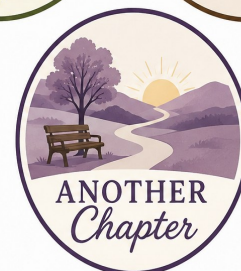
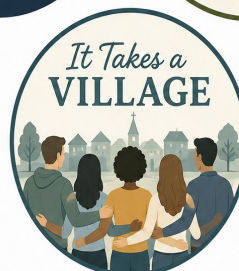
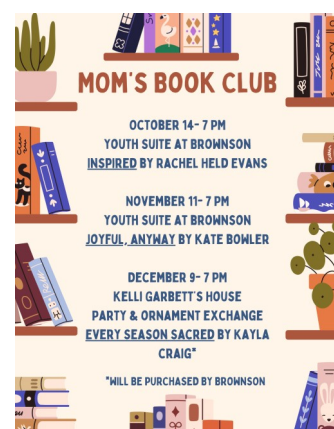
Another Chapter | CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE ROOM—Every season of life brings new opportunities to grow, connect, and deepen our faith. Another Chapter is designed for seasoned adults who may be navigating an empty nest, approaching retirement, or simply wondering what God has in store for the next chapter. 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!



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.

Brownson Moms' Book Club—This month we are reading *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, and will gather for discussion on Wednesday, October 14, 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. See our Fall Schedule Below, and a picture of our group at our Kick-Off last month at the Wine Cellar!



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
Higher Grounds
with **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!

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
CHAMBER SINGERS
COMMUNITY CONCERT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 5 PM

BROWNSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

330 South May Street | Southern Pines, NC 28387

910-692-6252 | www.brownsonchurch.org

*Worship
and
Music
Notes*



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.

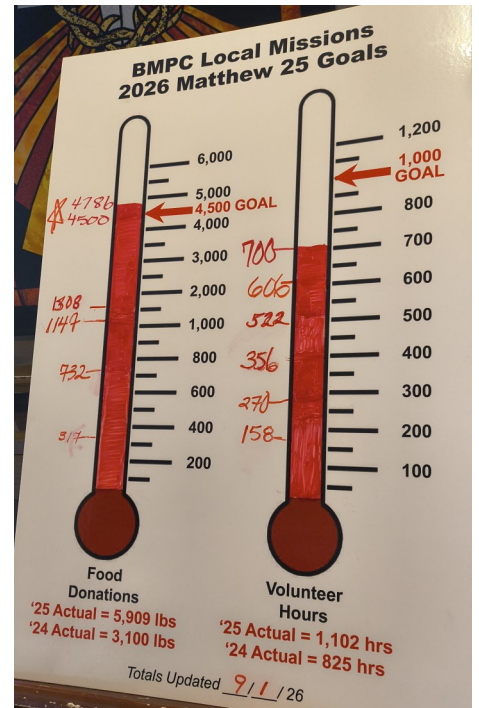
Brownson Buddies & Mission Update

Brownson Buddies is off to a great school year at our new volunteer site—the Trinity Unit of the Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills! Volunteers serve Monday through Thursday after school, helping kindergarten through fourth-grade students with reading, vocabulary, homework, and group games. The afternoons are filled with lots of learning, joy, and smiles! **There are still spots available!** Choose the day that works for you and join us in this meaningful mission.

Thank you for your generous support of our annual **Shoe Drive for the North Moore Family Resource Center**. While we fell short of our goal, many children will begin the school year with a new pair of shoes because of your generosity.

And more good news—we've **reached our pounds-of-food goal!** Now we're closing in on our volunteer-hours goal. Help us reach it by signing up for **Rise Against Hunger on October 4** following worship.

Thank you, Brownson, for putting your faith into action!



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.

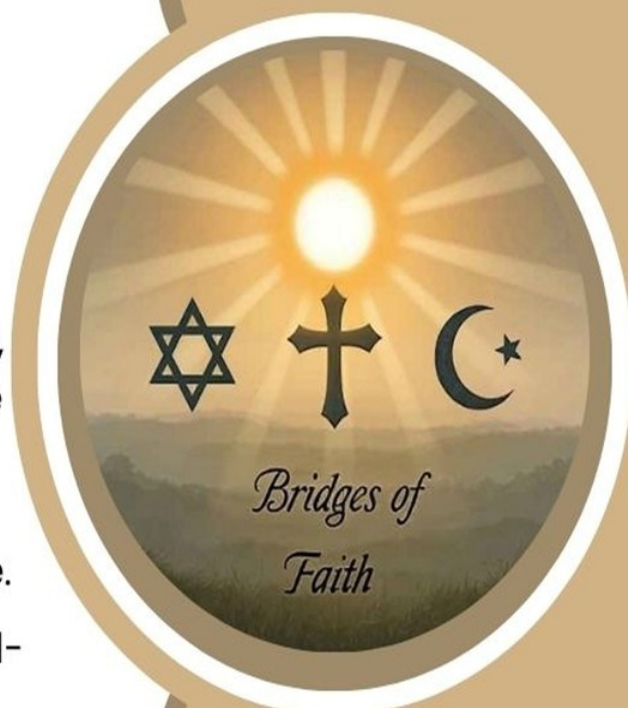
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:00 PM

Foundation Hall, Sandhills Community College

FREE Event — Registration REQUIRED

<https://sandhillsgcc-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

The honorariums for this year's event were provided by the Bill Jones Endowment of Brownson Church



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 4 PM 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! All dogs must be leashed, and cats and small animals should be in a carrier. All pets must be up to date on vaccines. We will also be accepting donations of pet food for the Sandhills Coalition Pet Pantry.



Our Home Communion Team will serve communion to homebound members of Brownson the **afternoon of Sunday, November 1**. Home Communion training will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 11:45 AM in Conference Room A for those who have not been trained. 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. 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.



Hospital Admission *Reminder*

Hospital Admission Reminder - If you are ever admitted to Moore Regional Hospital, please remember to **list Brownson as your church affiliation** when you check in. This helps the hospital notify us so we can **pray for you, reach out, and visit you** during your stay. **We want to be there for you when you need us!**

stephen MINISTRY®

Stephen Ministry: Bringing Communion Home

At our September Stephen Ministry meeting, Rev. Elizabeth Doolin led a Continuing Education session on **Home Communion**.

Stephen Ministers will be trained and paired with an Elder to bring Communion to Brownson members who are homebound. Several Stephen Ministers who have participated in Home Communion in the past shared how meaningful it was to break bread, share the cup, and experience that sacred moment together.

This ministry is a beautiful reminder that **being All Together doesn't always mean being in the same building**. Through personal connection, shared faith, and the Lord's Table, we continue to strengthen the bonds of our Brownson church family—wherever we may be.

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.

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Staying Connected



Staying Connected

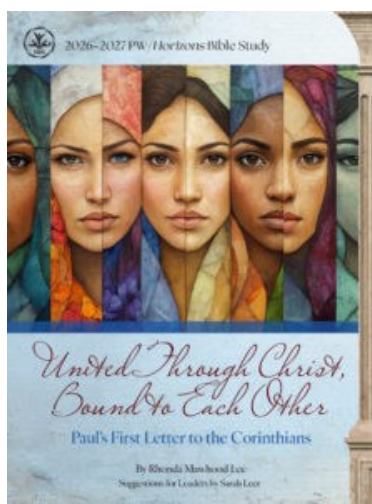
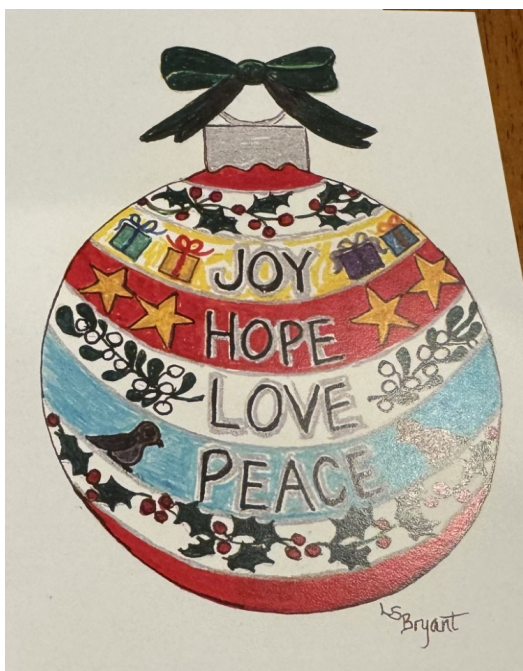
As Brownson continues to grow, we want to make sure we can stay connected with and care well for every member of our church family. **Staying Connected** is our on-going effort to update contact information and help keep our church records current. Over the coming months, we will be asking each household to verify their address, phone, email, emergency contact, and directory preferences, and to provide a current photo for Realm if desired. **So don't be surprised if you receive a call from the church office or a Grace Greeter!** We'll be reaching out to help make sure we have the most current information for you and your household. This is more than an administrative task—it is one way we care for one another as the Body of Christ. Thank you for helping Brownson stay connected!

Presbyterian Women at Brownson

New Selection of Notecards available soon:

Presbyterian Women announce the all new selection of Notecards with original artwork created by Brownson's member artists. The new selection will be available in October. Beautiful artwork by your Brownson friends:

Linda Bryant
Linda Gurnik
Ginger Monroe
Shirley McIver
Lisa Beck
Julie Martin
Sandra Olbon
Bonnie Hanly



The Presbyterian Women Opened the New Bible Study Season with a Gathering on September 21.

Guest speaker Cinnamon LeBlanc of First Health Fitness gave an interesting and interactive presentation on balance and yoga for today's woman.

Healthy snacks were served by Circle #6.

PW Gatherings are open to all Brownson Members.



**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@clanmcperson.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



Brownson
Kids

SUNDAY MORNING

FAITH FORMATION

> Babies – 5th Grade <

Brownson Kids Programs are in full swing for the fall, and we've been so grateful to see so many of you together again! Though summer is wonderful, it's always amazing to settle into a bit of a rhythm and see some of our favorite little friends again.

We kicked off two new classes at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings, and our classrooms full of children were such a gift! We are walking through the Bible starting in Genesis, laying a foundation of Scripture and God's love for our little ones. If your child is not plugged into a 9:30 Faith Formation class, we would love for them to join us in the BLC!

At 10:30, our kiddos have thoroughly enjoyed being together for worship! Our volunteers have been exponentially busier, but they've been teaching about how God has a special job for each of us. No matter what our age, there is a missing piece when we're not all serving and working together!

5:00 Kids Connect kicked off with lots of fun, fellowship, and food! We are excited to offer a different schedule this fall: 2nd Sunday - Kids Connect, 3rd Sunday – Monthly Mission, and 4th Sunday- Church Family Nights. These family nights will be for all ages – not just kiddos in K – 5th grade. Bring your preschooler, your baby, your family, and have fun and fellowship with other families at Brownson!

Coming Up for Kids Programs:

October 4 – Rise Against Hunger

October 18 – Bells at Bell Meade Service Project

October 25 – Trunk or Treat

November 13 – 15 – Church Retreat





BROWNSON
Youth
+



As youth group really gets underway on Sunday nights, the youth will be exploring the theme verse for the year, Jeremiah 29:11, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Through the stories of God's children in the Bible, we learn that God's plan doesn't always lead us in the direction we think it should but that he is a God we can trust.

Upcoming Events

October 4

- Faith Lab - join us for a morning filled with music.
- Youth help set-up Rise Against Hunger. 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall.
- Youth group. 5-7 PM. Christians vs Romans.

October 11

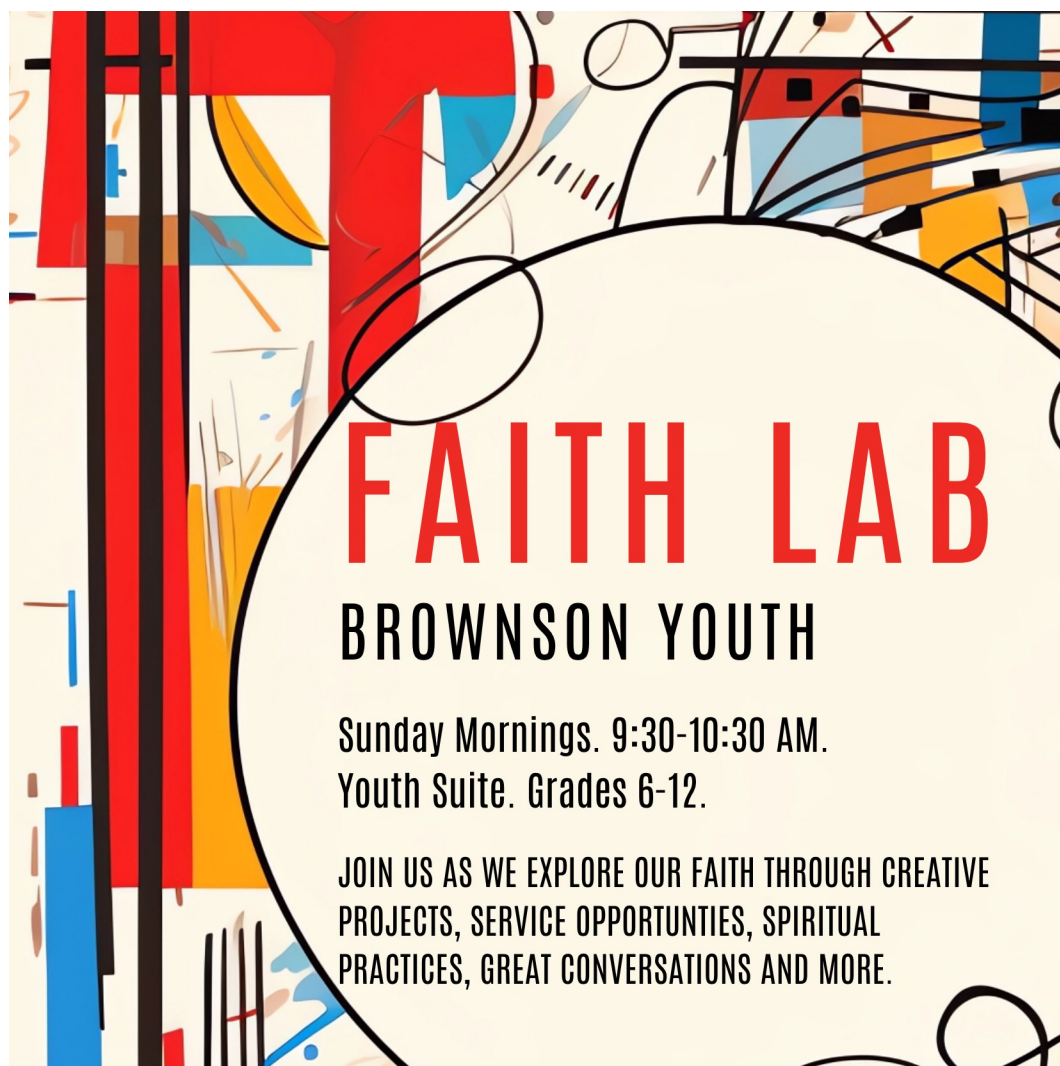
- Faith Lab- writing workshop with Pastor Elizabeth.
- Youth group. 5-7 PM. Pumpkin carving contest.

October 18

- Faith Lab - yoga.
- Youth sing in worship at 10:30 AM!
- Youth Group. 3-5:30 PM. Sunday Serve.

October 25

- Faith Lab - finding God in games and play
- Trunk or Treat. 4-6 PM. Youth run games!
- High School Bible study: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.



Sunday Serve

Calling all Brownson congregants! Do you need a little help around the house? Could you use some young and able-bodied people to help get a project done? Maybe you need bushes trimmed or heavy boxes moved or all that pine straw taken care of. On Sunday, October 18, Brownson Youth will be heading out in teams to serve the wonderful people of our church in an effort to give back and live out our faith. If you would like to take part in this and have a project we could help with, please reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org or 443-223-8930.



October

CELEBRATIONS

*Every good gift
and every perfect gift
is from above.*

JAMES 1:17

BIRTHDAYS • ANNIVERSARIES • A CHURCH FAMILY TOGETHER



Happy Birthday

MAY GOD CONTINUE
TO BLESS YOU!

October 1

Christal Cole
Sara Polkow
Teddy Tanea
Melody Williams
David Wood
Katherine Woolford

October 2

Bob Daane
Allison Polkow

October 3

Ray D'Ostroph
Will Strickland

October 4

Kelli Garbett
Mary Margaret Watson

October 5

Molli Beeson
Daniel McCall

October 6

Joseph Davis
Linda Hamel
Marilee Huntley
Pam Moore
Cornelia Morris

October 7

Tom Bryant
Hershell Cole
Lacy McGuire
Carol Monroe
Leigh Ann Platt
Diane Westbrook

October 8

Lara Ellis
Gerrie Reeves

October 9

Anne Krahmert

October 10

Meredith Clifton
Pierce Gallagher
Marjorie Heffner
Bo Johnson
Kara Vonderkall

October 11

Sheila McLeod
Joe Parrish

October 12

Daphne Broadwell
Ava Depenbrock
Jeanie Riordan
Victor Smith

October 13

Steve Leggett
Holly Pandich
Deborah Wade

October 14

Jeffery Moran
Myrtis Morrison
Walker Myrick

October 15

Elizabeth Blasko
Missy Quis
Arnold Seawell

October 16

James Beddingfield
Rudy Fleischmann
Fred Monroe
Don Power

October 17

Sara Conti
Barbara Gaylord
Michael Martin
Bob Newman

October 18

Natalie Blanton
Jim Goulden
Tracie Marino
Claude Morris
Felice Ryals
Keith Walvoord

October 19

Byna Batson
Angela Zumwalt
Owen Ulrich

October 20

Emma Berg
David Greeley
William Huntley
Julie Haro

October 21

Kay Bullard
Mike Williams

October 22

Lia Keane
Michael McGowan

October 23

Jamie McCall
Wendy Preble

October 24

Chase Ivey
Steve Smith

October 25

James Broadwell
Robbie Zalzneck

October 26

Caroline Kirkland
Mary Smith

October 27

Emma Eddins
Johanna Edens
Doug Lam
Lillian Pollock

October 28

Will Franks

October 29

Jim Byrd
Todd Hohnsbehn
Jim Webb
James Zotto

October 30

Garrett Fanning
Morgan Lewis
John McCaskill

October 31

Clara Milam
Milton Sills



Happy Anniversary

CELEBRATING
YOUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

October 2

Aziz & Sarah Ahmad

October 4

Rick & Dondra Kujawski
Victor & Nammi Smith

October 5

George & Johanna Edens

October 6

Chris & Megan Hunt

October 8

Bryant Gauthier & Katy McGiffin
Dan & Jane Pajak
Dixie & Anthony Parks
Jim & Diane Steele

October 13

John & Cynthia Strickland
Jack & Kerrie Ulrich

October 18

Dick & Cathy Harpster

October 19

William & Allyson Metro
Derrick & Robbie North

October 22

Ritche & Pam Moore

October 24

Craig & Kristin Floyd
Jeff & Jane Scruggs

October 26

Wiley & Dianne Barrett

October 28

Dennis & Trina Baggett
Dean & Grace Morrison

We give thanks for you!

FOR YOU ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.
PSALM 139:14

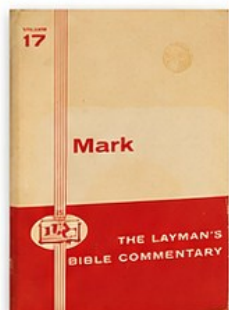


Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church

LIBRARY

"Resources to help grow your faith"

*Books
Open Hearts
Change Lives*

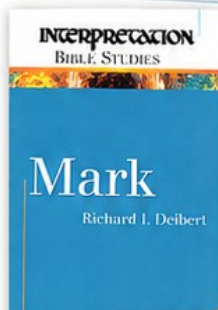


The Layman's Bible Commentary: Mark

By Paul S. Minear

On the library shelves in the Reference Section at R 220.7 LAY v.17

Within these pages the meaning of the book of Mark is opened up, passage by passage, in stimulating terms. A valuable resource for lay readers, ministers, and Bible study groups. Minear, a member of the committee that produced the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, was one of the world's leading New Testament scholars.

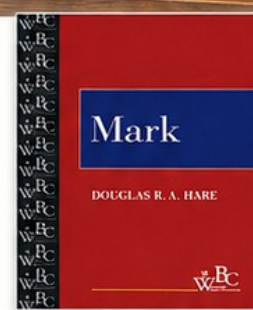


Interpretation Bible Studies: Mark

By Richard I. Deibert

On the library shelves in the Reference Section at R 220.6 INT v. 8

Designed for older youth and adult Bible study, this resource can be used in small groups, in church school classes, for large group presentations, or in personal study. The book focuses on ten key passages from the book of Mark. Rev. Richard I. Deibert, M.D. has a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and a medical degree from the University of Florida. He earned his bachelor's degree in religion from Davidson College.

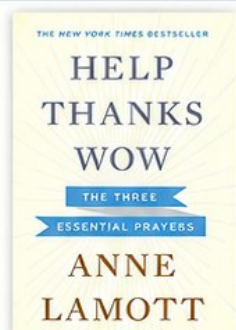


Westminster Bible Companion: Mark

By Douglas R.A. Hare

On the library shelves in the Reference section at R 226 HAR

Mark is considered by many scholars to be the earliest written gospel and thus closest to the historical Jesus. In this book, Douglas Hare examines Mark for modern Christians in search of the Jesus as portrayed in these earliest known writings. God's love for humankind, Hare contends, is made visible through Mark's Jesus. Douglas R. A. Hare is William H. Orr Professor of New Testament Emeritus at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

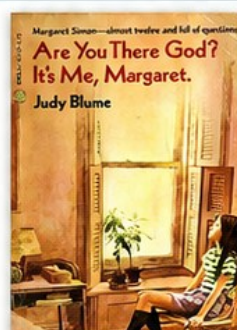


Help Thanks Wow

By Anne Lamott

On the library shelves at 242.2 LAM

Lamott has coalesced everything she knows about prayer to three fundamentals, and it is these three prayers – asking for assistance from a higher power, appreciating what we have that is good, and feeling awe at the world around us – that can get us through the day and can show us the way forward. Lamott has written both novels and nonfiction, books that are honest, concerned with real lives, human hearts, spiritual transformation, families, secrets, wonder, craziness—and that can make me laugh.



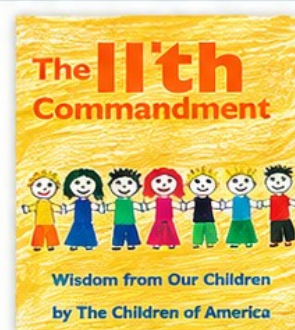
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.

By Judy Blume

On the library shelves at FJ BLU

Margaret is trying hard to find where she fits in, and her frank conversations with her own version of God have resonated with young readers for decades. Judy Blume spent her childhood in Elizabeth, NJ making up stories inside her head. She has spent her adult years in many places doing the same thing, only now she writes her stories down on paper.

Target Audience: Ages 8-12



The 11th Commandment

by the Children of America

On the library shelves at E CHI

"If there were an Eleventh Commandment, what would it be?"

Children of many religious denominations across America answer this question—in their own drawings and words. This full-color collection of "Eleventh Commandments" reveals kids' ideas about how people should respond to God.

Target Audience: Ages 4-11



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