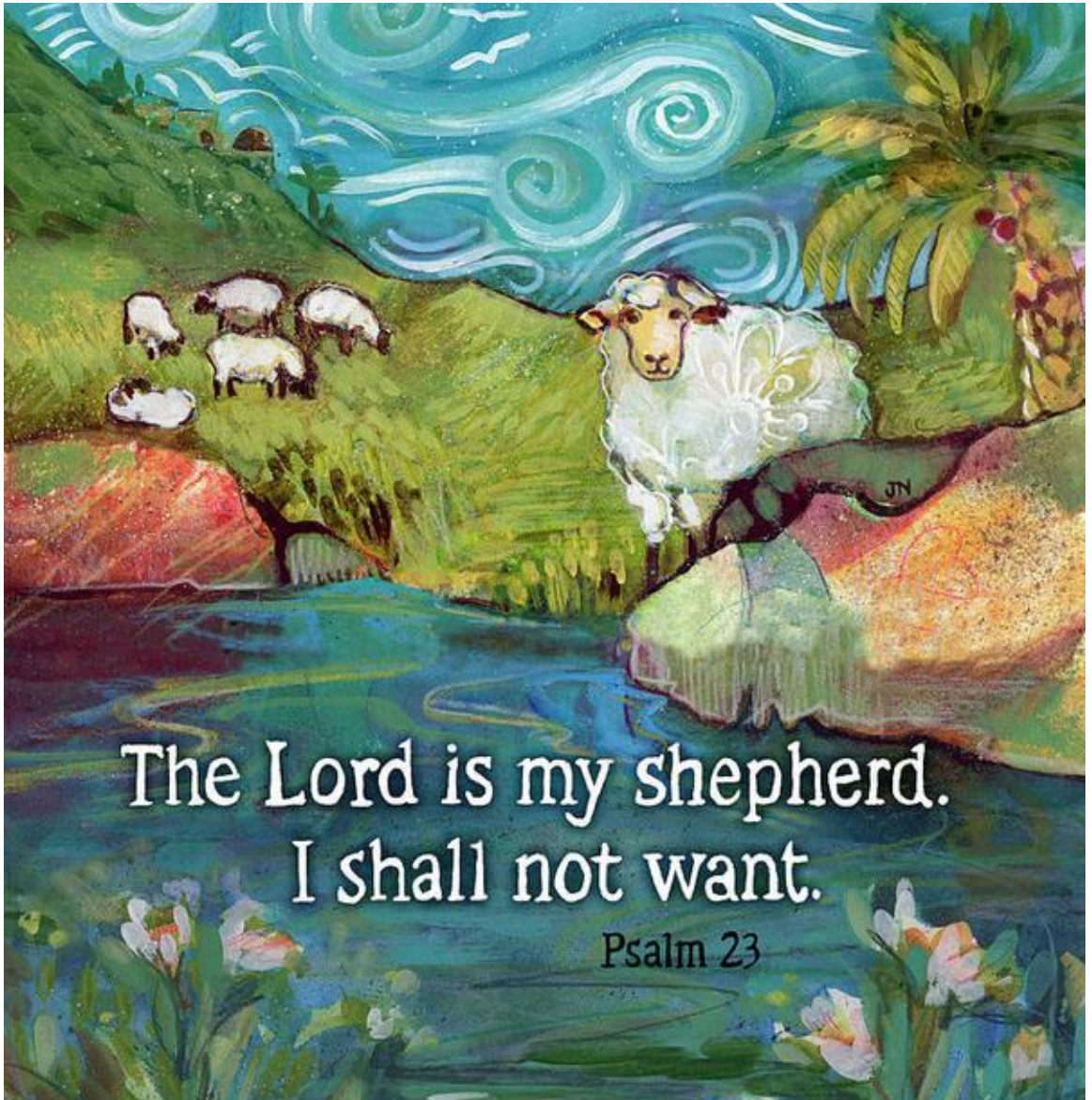


EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

A Special Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

We hope that the presence of the Holy Spirit and the warmth of Christ's love are gifts to you as we worship God together. **We encourage you to explore our bulletin, fill out a Visitor Card or the red fellowship pad at the end of your pew, and take home a welcome folder found just outside the Sanctuary.**

We are a caring community of friends who come from a variety of backgrounds to seek God in this place. We are united by our faith in Christ, our care and nurture of children and families, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service, and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. Bradley Hills is a safe place to ask the deep questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey.

We seek to be a welcoming witness to the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that diversity in our membership--different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities, races, sexual orientations, ideological and theological beliefs, and experiences--is an important strength. We come from a variety of denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers ages 3 and under in our nursery. All children are welcome to grab an activity board and children's bulletins for the service.

We are a mask optional community. We have masks available just outside the Sanctuary if you would like one.

We hope we have a chance to greet you and get to know you. There are a lot of exciting activities happening at BHPC that we would love for you to be a part of. If we can share any information about the church or be of support to you in any way, just let us know. We invite you to explore our website at www.bradleyhillchurch.org.

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | david@bradleyhillchurch.org

Interested in joining the church? Email David to set up a time to talk.

Get Connected | Explore Membership

BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community. Pastor David will be available after worship or during the week to meet with families or individuals interested in connecting more at BHPC or exploring membership. Just email David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org to set up a time.

New Members will be received next on May 19.

Our next Exploring Membership classes are on Sundays, April 28, May 5 & May 12 at 11:45 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom. *Childcare and lunch will be provided!* If you are interested in joining the new member class, please contact Pastor David.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor Denise Diaab

GATHERING MUSIC

Magnificat II Toni; Secundus Versus

Matthew Weckmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

*HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

CONFESSING & PRAISING

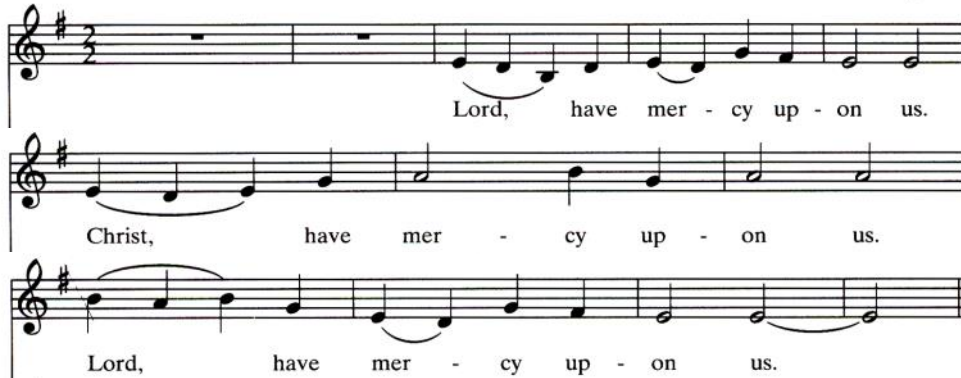
Said in unison.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Good Shepherd, help us become your bold acolytes, lighting the way of your truth for all to see. Help us choose honorable paths through green pastures and still waters amid the darkest valleys of our lives. For you are greater than our fears and you know how to bring us peace. As you laid down your life for us, may we strive to live for others. We choose you this day, for no other name under heaven inspires us to greater joy. Amen.

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE 574



One: We Pray

All: Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE & INVITATION TO CHILDREN

Children are invited, with the permission of their parents, to come forward and sit on the Chancel steps for the Children's Message.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Llanfair

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation, join to say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Presentation of Bibles

Steve Burns

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway at their classroom doors.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!

Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 23:1-6

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal, *from A New Creation*

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

SERMON

Denise Diaab

*HYMN 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The congregation may be seated.

RESPONSE IN FAITH

Baptism of Taylor Lange Barker
Child of Elizabeth & Jeff Barker

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS - CALL FOR OFFERING

Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate. As we make our offerings, guests are encouraged to fill out the Visitor Card or the fellowship pads in the pews; fellowship pads can be passed to the end of your row and back so that we might greet each other in our rows by name following the service.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ has no body now but yours

David Ogden

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he sees,
Yours are the feet with which he walks,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Said in unison.

Good Shepherd, show us your path through the peaks and valleys of our lives. May goodness and mercy flow through us, as your love sparks our actions. Help us put our whole selves into the world as we seek to walk in your truth and love. You are our shepherd, today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

Response for Concerns:

One: O Lord,

All: Hear our prayers.

Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,

All: We praise the Lord.

Said in unison.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Magnificat II Toni; Primus Versus

Matthias Weckmann

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST





A Concert to benefit BETHESDA HELP

April 14, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Artists:

Tempo Giusto Ensemble
Jinan Laurenta Woo, violin
Andrea Vercoe, concertmaster

Music by:

- *Felix Mendelssohn*
- *F. J. Haydn*
- *J. S. Bach*
- *Benjamin Britten*



<Scan to Donate to Bethesda Help

Scan to Learn More about the Concert>



Join BHPC Children's Ministry for Earth Day

Family Connection Lunch
and Service Project



Scan the QR code to
register for lunch!

Sunday, April 21
11:30 am-1:30 pm



Preview of April 21 | Creation Care Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship at the *Labyrinth* | Blessing of the Animals

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary & online | Preaching: Pastor David Gray



Adult Education

April 21 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: Saving the Planet with Resources from Space

Long-time Bradley Hills member, and recent space traveler, **Clint Kelly** will be providing exciting details about saving the planet with resources from space. The environmental consequences associated with extraction and processing will limit the transition to solar and wind power from fossil fuels. In the meantime, electricity is needed to reduce poverty in less developed economies and slow population growth. But there is a place where the sun always shines and where baseload energy could be taken and made available to raise the quality of life in these less developed areas such as sub-Saharan Africa.

Details about the upcoming Adult Education sessions and the Zoom link can be found in the weekly emails, on the website, and below. The recordings of the Adult Education sessions can be found on the Bradley Hills YouTube Channel.

Join the Zoom Meeting Each Sunday!

Or you can dial in for Audio only at 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 817 0659 1994 | Passcode: 20817

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

We hold in God's healing presence those who are experiencing grief and loss.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

We hold in God's healing presence those who are suffering or have other concerns:

- Those hospitalized, injured, facing/recovering from surgery, being treated for chronic illness, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- Judy (Jana Coffey's mother) who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Delaney (granddaughter of Janet Williams) who is recovering from open-heart surgery.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people are experiencing hurt and division.

If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Pastor Denise (denise@bradleyhillchurch.org).



Join Us for the Spring Fling! | April 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Time to get out your gloves and gardening tools for BHPC's annual Spring Fling on **April 21 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Meet us just outside the Narthex** and help keep our grounds looking nice!



Reeling In All Fish Boxes!

This is a reminder for our kids and families who participated in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing to bring your fish back. We will be collecting all of our fish and making a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance--the Presbyterian Church's aid to those in the United States hit by disaster.

Thank you all for your participation this year!



BRADLEY HILLS'

YOUTH TRIPS

**Sign-Ups Open
NOW!!!**

**High School
Mission Trip:**
June 16-21

Montreat:
(High School)
July 6-13

Massanetta:
(Middle School)
July 9-14

**Contact Rosanna Howard
for more info:**

rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org

Summer Youth Trip Sign-Ups CLOSE April 15!!!

Scholarships available for all Youth Summer Trips. Families that need scholarships can request them by contacting Rosanna Howard (rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org) or Jan Spencer (jan@bradleyhillschurch.org).

High School Mission Trip:

WHO: Rising 9th Graders - Graduating 12th Graders

WHERE: The Pace Center at VCU in Richmond, VA

WHEN: Sunday, June 16 - Friday, June 21

HOW: Public Transportation down to Richmond

ACCOMMODATIONS: 2nd Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA - bring your sleeping bags and air mattresses! Showers available on site.

COST: Current cost unknown. We are currently using the cost of the previous Mission Trip: **\$475.00** as an estimate.

RSVP: Register on Realm (scan the QR Code) and make a \$50 deposit.



Montreat (High School Retreat):

WHO: Rising 8th Graders - Graduating 12th Graders

WHERE: Montreat Conference Center, Presbyterian Retreat Center in North Carolina

WHEN: Saturday, July 6 - Saturday, July 13

HOW: Rental vans driven by chaperones

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotel-style options at Winsborough Inn: private rooms or “Jack-and-Jill” style with adjoining bathrooms. No AC.

COST: **\$825.00** per person

RSVP: Register on Realm (scan the QR Code) and make a \$50 deposit.



Massanetta (Middle School Mission & Retreat):

WHO: Rising 6th Graders - Rising 8th Graders

WHERE: Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA

WHEN: Tuesday, July 9 - Sunday, July 14

HOW: Personal vehicles or rented vans driven by chaperones

ACCOMMODATIONS: Suite-style: two rooms with 2-3 twin beds with a shared bathroom.

COST: **\$600.00** per person

RSVP: Register on Realm (scan the QR Code) and make a \$50 deposit.



Mini-Recital: John Solomon Collins, Sutherland Choral Scholar

Today after the 10:30 a.m. Worship

In this recital, John Solomon Collins will be performing three song cycles by Black composers: *Nightsongs* by H. Leslie Adams (b. 1932), *Four Songs* by Margaret Bonds (1913-1972), and *3 Lieder für Bariton und Klavierbegleitung*, Op. 20 by Robert Owens (1925-2017). *Nightsongs* was composed by Adams in 1961 and features text by African-American writers Langston Hughes, Leslie Morgan Collins, Gloria Douglass Johnson, Clarissa Scott Delany, and James Weldon Johnson. *Four Songs* features text by the prominent writer and feminist Edna St. Vincent Millay. *3 Lieder* features text by Nobel Prize winner Hermann Hesse.

Interfaith Refugee Family Support Initiative

IRFSI volunteers from BHPC provide the immediate need of furnished apartments for newly arrived refugees through **Homes Not Borders (HNB)**—furnishing nine apartments and donating or purchasing needed items since October 2021.

Donate Gently Used or New Household Items

We continue to collect **household items** for apartment set ups. If you would like to donate household items, new or in very good condition, email Brigitte Burgett at bkburgett@gmail.com. For **larger furniture donations**, please review the website and contact HNB for pick up: www.homesnotborders.org/donate-items

Volunteer to Set Up Apartments

Home set ups are usually on **Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays**. Ten volunteers are needed per set up and are usually done between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. HNB sends out a [sign-up genius link](#) where individuals can sign up when available.

Both adults and youth welcome! If you are interested in volunteering for home set ups or have any questions, please contact Brigitte Burgett bkburgett@gmail.com.

Smart Sacks | A Family-Friendly Serving Opportunity

Smart Sacks is a family-friendly serving opportunity that occurs right after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Lounge to pack sacks of food for families in Montgomery County Public Schools who are food insecure. **We need volunteers to:**

- **Help us Set Up on Sunday mornings.**
- **Help us Pack and Assemble the Smart Sacks.**
- **Help us Deliver assembled Smart Sacks.**
- **Set Up & Delivery** are about 1.5 hour commitments and volunteers are scheduled approximately once a month.

Interested in joining the Smart Sacks Team? Contact Elaine Henderson or Jim Kettler during the Smart Sacks assembly time after the 10:30 a.m. worship.



Interfaith Family Fun Day | May 5, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join us for our **family-friendly outdoor fun day** organized by BHPC, BJC, and MIIC on the church grounds. Come for **games, arts and crafts, face painting, food trucks, and FREE ice cream!** It's a fun way to try out new foods and meet our Jewish and Muslim friends who worship in the same building!

Get Involved This Week at BHPC

Smart Sacks in the Lounge | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. A **family-friendly mission opportunity** that provides supplemental food to families in Montgomery County who are food deficient over the weekends.

Alleluia Singers & Cherub Choir Rehearsal | Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Open to children **ages 3 to 5th grade**, the choirs will be combined for the rest of the Spring and will make a joyful noise in the Choir Room.

Youth Group | Sundays at 12:00 p.m. Open to youth in **grades 6 to 12**. Come hang out in the youth lounge, play games, build relationships, and experience God.

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Join the pastors for discussions on upcoming scripture on **Zoom**. Both **participants and listeners welcome!**

Lantern Chorale Rehearsal | Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. For youth in grades 6 to 12. Come make a joyful noise, work as a team, and learn new and fun things about music.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Do you like to sing? The Chancel Choir sings each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us in the **Sanctuary** for rehearsals.

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD 20817

Text Giving



Text "BHPC"
to 73256

Mobile Giving



Download the Realm
Connect App

Realm Giving



Access the **Bradley Hills Giving Page**

www.bradleyhillchurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note From Stewardship

This month Stewardship is emphasizing legacy giving, leading up to **Legacy Sunday on May 5**. Please consider how God may be calling you to contribute to your church beyond your lifetime. By making a legacy gift to Bradley Hills, you **1) Express** values instilled in you by your parents, grandparents, and other loved ones, **2) Perpetuate** Christian traditions you cherish, and **3) Preserve** programs and ministries that support the life of your church.

*For more information, look for the **Planned Giving** brochure on the literature rack in the Narthex.*

Did you know that you can **gift securities** (stocks, bonds, etc.)? Transferring securities to Bradley Hills' brokerage account is a great way to donate appreciated securities while potentially avoiding capital gains taxes. For more info on this, **give the office a call at (301)365-2850**.

2024 Sign-Ups for Flower Deliveries & Dedications Available Now!

Scan the QR code to the right or contact Bie Fox or Caroline Simpson if you are available to **deliver flowers to congregational members** who are isolated from the community, need TLC, or simply in celebration of life's joys. We urge those who can to please help in this ministry of care. **Families, adults, and youth are welcome to participate in putting a smile on someone's face!**



Scan the QR code to the left or contact Elizabeth Bullock or the Flower Guild if you are **interested in dedicating flowers in honor or in memory of someone**. Each dedication costs \$65.00. All proceeds go to funding the Flower Guild and Sunday morning flower arrangements.

Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Senior Pastor | David Gray | david@bradleyhillschurch.org |
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| Our Sextons - Juan Mendez Sr., Leonel Bruno, Juan Mendez Jr., & Jorge Miranda | | |
| Our Child Caregivers - Nora Mendez, DelCarla Shorter, & Liz Allen | | |
| Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland | | |
| Our Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Kaytlin Withers (alto), Kyle Tomlin (tenor), Steven Slupe (bass) | | |

Music Note

Set Me As a Seal - an excerpt from *A New Creation*, this anthem is one of the most heart-felt settings of the biblical text from the Song of Solomon. Clausen composed this piece at his wife's hospital bedside after childbirth. Musically, the work employs sweet harmonies, triple rhythms, and a simple-yet-effective ABA form.

I.D.E.A.S. Summer Camp

The I.D.E.A.S. camp is renting space at BHPC this summer for a camp for **Pre-K to 8th Graders** from **July 8 to August 2**. BHPC community members will receive discounts to enroll their child in camp. More info is available in the Narthex or visit ideassumercamps.com.

Worship Schedule: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

April 21 | Creation Care Sunday

8:30am: Blessing of the Animals at the Labyrinth

10:30am: Pastor David Gray

After Worship: Spring Fling | Family Connections Earth Day Project

April 28 | Youth Sunday

May 5 | Legacy Sunday

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Luke 24 | Communion

8:30am Worship Outside at the Cross

After Worship: New Member Class | Interfaith Family Fun Day at 5:00 p.m.

May 12 | Mother's Day

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

8:30am Worship Outside at the Cross | CM's Mother's Day Tea

After Worship: New Member Class

May 19 | Pentecost Sunday

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Acts 2 | New Member Recognition | **Wear Red**

8:30am Worship Outside at the Cross



We Need Help for the BBQ to Happen!

It's that time of year again! We're looking for a few people to fire up the grill and **help us plan the All Church BBQ on June 2.**

If you're interested in helping to plan this churchwide event, please contact Pastor David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org.

Interested in Staying Up-to-Date on BHPC? Get Connected!

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Dir. of Comm & Admin at elizabeth@bradleyhillchurch.org, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.