

Expressions

A Newsletter for the Congregation of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Guidance for the Journey

Summer is a time when many of us take vacations and trips. I am sure some of us drove many miles this summer to visit relatives, see new places, drop children at camps, or experience a place of relaxation that we look forward to visiting each year. It used to be that many of us unfolded maps from our glove compartments that we hadn't seen all year and used those maps to guide us to our destination. Now cars come with GPS systems. The past few years, two members of our household learned to drive. Unlike the reliance on maps back in my day, today's new drivers follow the direction of their phones often. In my own life, I have found road maps, whether printed or digital, valuable. Sometimes, the landmarks on a familiar path change and so our road maps become extra valuable.

We need spiritual road maps from time to time. We need guidance. We need the advice of those who have come before us.

As we enter fall, we tend to put away those road maps as we take out our schoolbooks, long pants and "to-do" lists. Our phones move from GPS navigation for long trips, to google maps directions to appointments and activities.

It makes me think about how people in Jesus' day knew where they were going without sophisticated maps?

I have found the traditions and members of the church to be critical road maps on my journey of faith. The Bible is a road map of faith. It helps us understand where the people of God have been and where we are going. It helps us to understand ourselves and our God. The Psalmist writes that God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. I have found scripture

important in helping me make decisions and even more valuable when I'm lost and need to retrace my steps or find a new path.

This fall, we'll be looking at some of the parables Jesus taught. Stories that provide guidance for our living.

Moreover, the members of Bradley Hills have been guides for my journey as well. We share with each other the wisdom of roads walked. This fall, as we move into the future part of our 70th anniversary celebration, we'll look to where God is calling us for the future. I am excited for our collective journey as our program year begins with energy this fall. Our children and youth will learn about God's love for them through the lessons that have guided the lives of Christians for centuries. Look inside this BHX for our many programs for how you might grow as well.

Fall is one of my favorite times of year in our area. The weather, foliage, shadows, energy of fall makes me more intentional and focused. Yet when that focus leads to self reliance, I can tend to fold up my road maps and go it alone. I need reminders that road maps exist outside of our summer drives to help us find our paths. If we need a reminder as we plan our time this fall, I hope this newsletter can point us towards enrichment. For while highways may undergo construction and be replaced, God's word will not lead us astray. So let us be open to the collective wisdom, knowledge and faith journeys of our members, and God's word. There is so much to look forward to at Bradley Hills this year. I'll see you on the road.

In Christ's love,



David



September Worship

Sunday, September 7 Start of the Program Year

TWO SERVICES RETURN

8:30 am
Outside Worship
NEW! With Music



10:30 am
Sanctuary
With Choir

Fall Sermon Series Begins:
Being a Christian in the 21st
Century

Adult Education, 9:15 am
Regular Church School, 10:45 am
Coffee Hour (after 10:30 worship)
Youth Group, noon



FALL SERMON SERIES

Being a Christian in the 21st Century

Preacher: Pastor David Gray
8:30 & 10:30 am

Sept. 7: **What We Choose**
Sept. 14: **Following Jesus**
Sept. 21: **Into the Future**
Sept. 28: **Of the Kingdom**



First Impression Gatherings | Sunday, September 7

70 years ago, spiritual friends dreamed of a church that would have a generational, life-changing impact on multitudes of people throughout the greater DC area and beyond. This year, we celebrate that, for 70 years, this bold vision has been manifested in and through the people of BHPC to have a positive impact on our community. As we celebrate our cherished past and honor our present, we now look to where God may be calling us for the future.

We are inviting members and friends of Bradley Hills to imagine the life-changing impact of a church that is prepared for that future. In 2023, our Session approved the recommendations of our Strategic Visioning Task Force Report which encouraged, among other things, the church to take bold action to ensure the long-term sustainability of BHPC at 6601 Bradley Blvd.

In that spirit, we invite you for a time of dreaming and visioning as we consider our next steps as a church family.

Our initial step is a series of “First Impressions Gatherings.” There will be two options on Sunday, September 7.
1) 11: 30 a.m. in Covenant Hall, following worship 2) 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Why “first impressions?” Before launching into a potential capital campaign, we would like to receive feedback and input from our community. I would love for you to be at the table for one of these gatherings. If these dates don’t work for you, I, and our Session, look forward to having a chance to connect with you in the coming weeks.



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- Pastor David Gray

Learning at Bradley Hills

Adult Education Returns September 7 at 9:15 a.m.

September 7, 14, and 21. Reformed Political Thought in an Age of Catastrophe (1914-1945)

Dr. R. Bruce Douglass (and close friend of Bradley Hills) will be presenting a three part series to begin our program year. Dr. Douglass is Director Emeritus, Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington and former Chair of the Department of Government at Georgetown University.

Between 1914 and 1945, the West experienced a series of catastrophic political and economic developments. It was a time when radical ideologies attracted wide followings, making it difficult for democratic regimes to govern. It was also a time when war took on a totalizing character that had devastating effects throughout much of the world. In addition, the global economy suffered a depression of unusual magnitude. During this period, reformed Protestants continued to play influential roles in public life, but they were forced to rethink a number of the

assumptions they had inherited from their 19th century predecessors.

Session #1 - War

Session #2. Radical ideologies

Session #3. Depression

Dr. Douglass never fails to enlighten and remind us about how our faith has addressed the challenges of the past and the similarities and differences to today.

September 28. Bradley Hills: The Church of the Future after celebrating Bradley Hills Past 70 Years

David Gray will engage us in a session that explores the possibilities and challenges for our future.

When: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Where: Lounge

Childcare will be provided.

Join by Zoom:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87254279672>

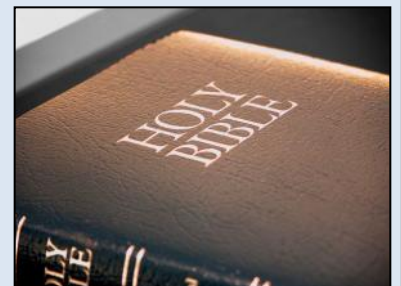
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Bible Study on Zoom September 3, 10, 17 and 24

Bible Study continues this fall. Join us by Zoom on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm to discuss scripture with Pastor David or Pastor Denise. You do not need to be a member of Bradley Hills to attend our Bible Study classes. Everyone in the community is invited! Whether you enjoy actively participating or simply wish to listen in, all are welcome. Contact Kristen Abbott at the Church Office for the Bible Study Zoom link (kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org).



Welcome Back Brunch Potluck

We're having a
birthday party!

Bradley Hills
is turning **70**



SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 11:30 A.M.

- ✓ GAMES FOR KIDS
- ✓ BIRTHDAY CAKE
- ✓ BOUNCY HOUSE
- ✓ SHAVED ICE
- ✓ "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" SING-A-LONG



Children, Youth, and Families



JOIN US FOR A

Youth Group KICK OFF PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

NOON IN MEMORIAL HALL

PARENTS OF YOUTH PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AS WELL FOR AN INFO MEETING FOLLOWING THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS GATHERING

LUNCH INCLUDED FOR ALL

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

**SELECT SUNDAY EVENINGS
FROM 5:00 – 6:30 PM
BEGINNING OCTOBER 5**

**8TH GRADERS
AND
HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO HAVE YET TO BE CONFIRMED**



◀ SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER!

- LEARN ABOUT TRADITIONS
- GUIDANCE FROM ADULT MENTORS
- GROW IN FAITH & FRIENDSHIPS



**CONTACT DCYFM ROSANNA
HOWARD OR PASTOR DAVID FOR
MORE INFO.**

Youth Group

Desserts and Devotion

Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Meet in the kitchen.
(Starts Sept. 11)

Youth Group Meeting

Sundays at noon.
Meet in the Youth Lounge.
(Starts Sept. 14)

Church School Resumes September 7

We are excited to be a part of your family's spiritual formation, and we hope you will join us as Church School resumes on September 7 and for our special events! During the 10:30 worship, children ages 3–5th grade are invited to head upstairs for Church School.

Ages 3–2nd grade | Godly Play 3rd–5th grade: | Club 3–4–5



Church School Teachers Needed

There is a need for church school teachers for the 2025-26 school year. Church school

starts on Sunday, September 7, 2025, and goes through Sunday, May 17, 2026. Church school teachers usually teach once a month, and our classrooms typically have 10-15 children in attendance.

We need teachers for the following classrooms:

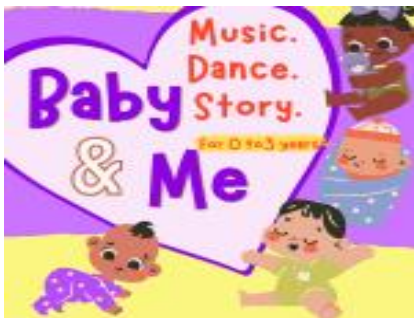
Preschool Church School (ages 3-4) | 4 lead teachers to collaborate with parent volunteers (in a co-op style format) to teach a basic curriculum of story, craft and snack. Training in best practices for preschool classroom instruction and management will be provided and supervised throughout the school year by DCYFM Rosanna Howard.

Godly Play (Kindergarten) | 2 lead teachers and 2 door persons to teach the Godly Play curriculum and support the Godly Play classroom. Training in the Godly Play curriculum with a GP trainer and DCYFM will be provided.

Godly Play (1-2 Grade) | 2 lead teachers and 2 door persons to teach the Godly Play curriculum and support the Godly Play classroom. Training in the Godly Play curriculum with a GP trainer and DCYFM will be provided.

Club 3-4-5 | 3 lead teachers and 2 second adults to implement the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. Training in classroom management and best practices will be offered by the DCYFM.

To learn more about the commitment or ask any questions, reach out to **DCYFM Rosanna Howard**, rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org.



Baby & Me

Baby & Me starts back September 4. Led by Rosanna Howard, these fun sessions take place on Tuesdays from 9:15-10:30 am in the crib room. It's all developmentally appropriate, child-led play (0-3 years) with music, dance, and story. Siblings welcome! Let your friends with children know that this is being offered at the church for free. All are invited to attend.

Remind: A New Way to Connect

BHPC has two Remind accounts so you can get important Children & Family and Youth Group updates, assignments, and information right to your phone. Use the links to join our classes.

Youth Link:

<https://www.remind.com/join/2hh77h>

Children and Families Link:

<https://www.remind.com/join/b62cc7g>



MIIC YOUTH BASKETBALL TUESDAYS

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Tuesday evenings
Begins: June 24, 2025

Hillmead Park,
8609 Ridge Road,
Bethesda, MD 20817



Vacation Bible School

This summer our joint Vacation Bible School with Geneva Presbyterian was a huge success! We had 100 campers ages 4-10 enrolled for Operation Restoration: Mending God's World, and over 65 volunteers from BHPC, Geneva, BHPCNS and the wider community helping make the week such a hit! We explored how to mend God's world through feeding, healing, forgiving, praying and resting, and we made our own efforts at mending our community by creating over 225 snack bags for food insecure families in Montgomery County for Bethesda Help.



JOIN US THIS FALL
FOR OUR

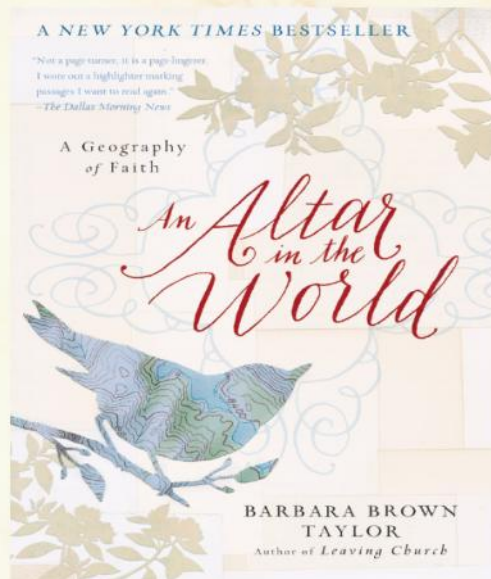
BHPC Family Small Group

MONDAY NIGHTS FROM
5-7:30 PM STARTING
SEPTEMBER 22

DINNER AND
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Will we meet at the church in Memorial Hall for a family meal and then the children will have supervised playtime while the adults engage in small group time.

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REGISTER



Stewardship

Looking Ahead: A Season of Stewardship Rooted in Generations

As the seasons begin to shift and we move from summer into fall, the life of our church community begins to hum with renewed energy. September at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church is a time of reconnection—of returning to routines, rejoining activities, and rekindling the joy of shared worship and service.

It's also the time when we begin looking ahead to an important season in the life of our church: our annual stewardship campaign.

This year's campaign theme is **Generations**—a celebration of how Bradley Hills serves and is shaped by every age and stage of life. From the giggles of children in Church School to the wisdom shared in adult education classes... from confirmation retreats to choir rehearsals... from pastoral care visits to our oldest members to youth mission trips that shape our future—the story of our church is written across generations.



In October and November, we'll invite you to reflect on what it means to belong to a church that nourishes faith across the ages.

We'll also ask you to prayerfully consider your financial pledge for the coming year, supporting the vibrant, intergenerational ministry that makes Bradley Hills such a meaningful spiritual home. For now, stay tuned. Stories, reflections, and opportunities to engage with the **Generations** theme are coming soon. Until then, may we give thanks for the deep roots of our shared 70 year history—and the call to grow together in faith.

Realm: Our Church Digital Hub

We are updating the Realm database! Never heard of Realm? In a nutshell, Realm allows you to keep track of your church giving, find members' contact information, and receive important communication from Bradley Hills. For more info, go to <https://www.bradleyhillchurch.org/about/realm/>.

Please take a few minutes to update your Realm information or add yourself to Realm if you have not done so already. You can add a photo too, so people at church can recognize you. Look for the Realm cloud icon at the bottom right of the Bradley Hills website for access. If you have never signed into your Realm account, contact Kristen Abbott (kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org) for an email invitation. Thank you so much!



Connect with Others

Register for Fall Small Groups

September 21 thru October 26

In-Person or Online

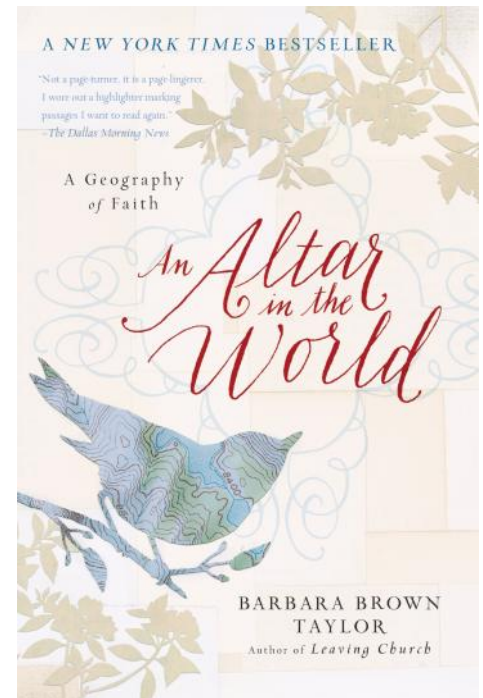
Resource: *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor

If you had the pleasure of seeing and hearing Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor during our 70th Anniversary Gala weekend, you'll want to participate in Fall Small Groups as we use her book to "discover the spiritual treasures to be found by engaging with real life in the real world through ordinary physical activities." By engaging in the practices, Taylor "hopes that [these practices] will help us recognize some of the altars in this world - ordinary-looking places where human beings have met and may continue to meet up with the divine that they sometimes call God." Even if you missed the opportunity to see Dr. Taylor, you won't want to miss Fall Small Groups.

Small Groups will meet at the following times:

- Sunday, 4:00 p.m., in person
- Sunday, 7:00 p.m., in-person
- Sunday, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Email Pastor Denise at denise@bradleyhillchurch.org to register. Please include your first and second choice of group time.



Join the Visiting Team

If you are looking for a way to serve Christ and build relationships, the Visiting Team may be a good fit for you. In conjunction with pastoral care offered by BHPC's clergy staff, deacons, and elders; our visiting team provides monthly visits to members of the congregation to provide caring support, Christian fellowship, and a nurturing relationship to those in need. At its core, the BHPC visiting team is a ministry of presence for those they visit. We meet monthly for training on topics such as: how to be present, protecting privacy, and managing challenging situations. We also provide mutual support to each other as we navigate the journey of being a visitor to those in need of connection as a means of showing Christ's love in the world. You are welcome to attend a meeting to investigate the Visiting Team without any obligation. For more information, please contact Denise Diaab, denise@bradleyhillchurch.org or Jennifer Kline, jennkline0329@gmail.com.

Serving as an Elder or Deacon

In September, our Nominating Committee will begin following the Spirit to lift up the names of potential elders and deacons to serve our congregation. If you would like to suggest someone to serve on either board, including yourself, contact Curt West (jcwest67@gmail.com) or Pastor David.

Music at BHPC

Welcome to Paul Vasile, Interim Director of Music Ministries



This fall, we welcome Paul Vasile to be our Interim Director of Music Ministries for the program year to come. Paul is a highly respected and sought-after musician in our denomination. He often is asked to provide music at national PCUSA events and in our Presbytery, NEXT church, Massanetta and CREDO. He has taught widely and is often brought in as a consultant and interim by churches like ours. Paul is considered a highly collaborative, excellent, and inclusive musician. He has bachelor's and master's degrees in music and piano performance, and has served in churches in St. Louis, DC and New York City for more than 20 years.

Paul's first Sunday with us will be September 7.

Upcoming Fall Music

Fall is a great time to get involved in one of our many musical ensembles. If you are interested in joining or learning about any of Bradley Hills' musical ensembles, please contact Paul Vasile, Interim Director of Music at paul@bradleyhillchurch.org.

The Chancel Choir | The Chancel Choir sings each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. worship service during the program year (September to May), as well as for special services throughout the church year. It consists of church singers who are supplemented by a professional quartet of section leaders. Weekly rehearsals resume on **Thursday, September 4 from 7:30 to 9 pm**. We'll begin singing regularly in worship the following **Sunday, September 7**. *All are welcome.*



Bradley Ringers | The Bradley Ringers are a handbell choir of mixed ages. They offer music a number of times each year, using a three-octave set of Schulmerich English handbells.

BHPC Children's Choirs | Choirs will be starting up this fall - stay tuned for more details in the bulletin and weekly email.

Announcing the 2025/2026 Concert Series

The Friends of Music invites you to a new season of concerts.

“Bradley Hills Presents” is proud to announce its upcoming season, showcasing exceptional musicians from around the world. Tickets can be purchased for the entire season or individually.

Season Subscription: \$25-\$140 **Individual Tickets:** \$40 adult | \$30 student | \$15 child (under 15 years)
Get \$5 off when you advance purchase individual tickets.

For more info and to purchase a subscription or tickets, go to
www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/concerts



James O'Donnell, *organ*
Sunday, October 12 | 5:00 pm

“A master.” —*Richmond Times-Dispatch*

It is hard to overstate the brilliance of organist James O'Donnell. Now Organist Emeritus at Westminster Abbey, O'Donnell led music there for many state occasions over his 23-year tenure, including the 2022 state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.



Reflections: Works for Cello by Bloch, Weinberg, and Chopin
Sunday, November 9, 2025 | 5:00 pm Amit Peled, *cello* | Stefan Petrov, *piano*

Hailed by the *New York Times* for his “glowing tone, seductive timbre and an emotionally pointed approach to phrasing,” Israel cellist Amit Peled returns for a concert full of Eastern European flair!



The Love Triangle: Music and Letters of Johannes Brahms and Robert & Clara Schumann
Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 7:30 pm Alon Goldstein, *piano*

“Goldstein pours out crisp, strongly etched torrents of bravura chordal runs and passionate lyrical song.”
—*Chicago Sun-Times*



American Brass Quintet
Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 7:30 pm

The *New York Times* wrote that “among North American brass ensembles, none is more venerable than the American Brass Quintet.” Join The American Brass Quintet in concert to experience their unparalleled legacy in the brass field firsthand.

BHPC Nursery School



September is not only back-to school time at BHPCNS; it is time again to VOTE BHPCNS as the Best Preschool in Bethesda by Bethesda Magazine. We would love to regain this honor in 2026. To do so, we need your vote. Vote for BHPCNS and your other local favorites at: <https://moco360.media/best-of-bethesda/>. Thank you, in advance, for your support of our school.

This year will mark the school's 68th anniversary. We welcome students back on Tuesday, September 2nd. It's been a busy summer of prepping, and we are ready to kick off another amazing school year. When we open the doors this fall, we will have over 140 students registered with a staff of 40 including specialists, teachers, and administrators. We are excited to watch our youngest community members play, grow, and learn over the next 9 months!

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is how the children and families of BHPCNS love our play-based approach to early childhood education. We also place a strong emphasis on teaching social-emotional development, communication, and the intricacies of group play with all our children. We believe children learn best by doing. It's the process not the product is our motto.

We have limited openings for the 2025-26 school year. If you are interested in learning more about BHPCNS, visit our website, call the office at 301-365-2909, or email us. We'd be happy to arrange a tour of our school!



Mission



Distribute Groceries in Anacostia | Help Is Needed the Third Saturday Each Month! BHPC is proud to support Faith Presbyterian Church's monthly "Feeding Families" project. The demand is now higher than ever for families in the church's neighborhood.

Up to 4-5 BHPC volunteers help Faith's team from 9:00-10:40 am, rain or shine. Volunteers pack 60 grocery bags at the church in Anacostia and distribute them on the church property. Adults, families and teens are welcome. There's a new [sign-up](#) for *September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20.*

Smart Sacks | An opportunity for the whole family! Join us immediately after the 10:30 service to assemble the sacks, which will go to area families in need. We also need volunteers to help set up before the assembly. Set-up volunteers need to be able to do some lifting. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver food during the week to public schools. Delivery volunteers need to do some lifting as well.

Interested in joining the Smart Sacks team? Contact Elaine Henderson or Jim Kettler during the Smart Sacks assembly time after the 10:30 service.



Coming this Fall: Racial Justice at BHPC

In-Person Meeting to Provide Comments on Draft BHPC Antiracism Policy

Sunday, October 5

11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m. (immediately following worship service)

Covenant Hall

Earlier this spring, the Racial Justice Coordinating Committee (RJCC) invited volunteers from our congregation to participate in drafting an Antiracism Policy, which our PC(USA) denomination requires every church to have. After receiving feedback from the BHPC Session, members of the BHPC RJCC met with several of the Lay Ministry groups to receive comments. Following the worship service on October 5, we are inviting the congregation to meet to discuss the draft policy and provide comments.

Please scan the QR code to read the draft policy. Copies will also be available in the Narthex.

If you have written comments, please forward them to Don Picard by October 5.



Deacon Spotlight | Andrew Graeub

BHPC Family,

Our faith journey brought us to Bradley Hills in 2018 and we joined via Zoom during the pandemic. I was happy to be called as a Deacon and as I start my third year have so enjoyed serving in so many capacities. I was raised in Chevy Chase, lived in Silver Spring for a few years and now live in Bethesda, about half a mile from that childhood home. Part of the reason for staying in the area has been my work - first at National Geographic and then with the US House of Representatives where I retired from a couple years ago. We have a son who is a Senior, studying Aerospace Engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder, looking forward to where he will land.

After being a bike commuter for my entire career, I still enjoy doing errands by bike. I also love hobbies and trying new things. Our list of things has included: bee keeping, building a forge for knife making and then a foundry to do sand casting, turning bowls on a lathe, hand shaping a surfboard; and on the food front, hydroponics (in the basement), vegetable garden

outside, kombucha brewing and lots more. Also enjoy hiking, camping, skiing, tennis and have just experienced pickleball. I am always interested in something new so please share if you have anything fun you enjoy doing and look forward to meeting you soon!



Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee

The What | The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee, ICPC, is a decades-old partnership originally between the Bethesda Jewish Congregation (BJC) and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (BHPC). In 2019, the Maqame Ibrahim Islamic Center (MIIC) joined the partnership when it began sharing sacred space at 6601 Bradley Blvd. in Bethesda, Maryland.



The Why | The ICPC works to nurture connections among the three faith communities throughout the year through shared service projects, social and topical events, an annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, and an annual interfaith spring picnic. We believe that engaging one another face-to-face, having conversations over food, learning about each other's experiences, and sharing our faith traditions helps us to see one another more fully and build enduring relationships.

UPCOMING ICPC EVENTS:

Introductions to Abrahamic Faith Traditions | Clergy of our congregations will conduct sessions for those interested in learning more about their own and the other traditions. Dr. Imad-ad-Deen Ahmad will present on Islam on 17 September; Rabbi Abbott will present on Judaism on 22 October; and Pastor David Gray will present on Christianity on 11 November. Each session is scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We encourage you to attend in-person in the Library but a Zoom option will be available for those who cannot attend in person. We ask participants to register in advance. A separate notice with registration link is going out through our respective newsletters.

ICPC Book Event | October 28 at 7:00 pm in Covenant Hall. We will discuss *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio, one of the first undocumented immigrants to graduate from Harvard University. The stories she tells are not deferential or naively inspirational but show the love, magic, heartbreak, resistance, insanity, and vulgarity that infuse the day-to-day lives of her subjects. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Thanksgiving Service and Brunch | November 16. The service is led jointly by the clergy of three faiths and a separate interfaith service is offered for all children. The offering is donated to a designated charitable organization, and a catered brunch with kosher and halal food follows the service. All are invited.

Annual Pulpit Exchange | BHPC clergy gives sermons on the bimah at a Friday night service at BJC and the rabbi speaks from BHPC's altar during a Sunday service. The most recent BHPC and BJC pulpit exchanges took place in August; we hope that you had the opportunity to attend.

Interfaith Picnic | Held in the spring, featuring kosher/halal food choices along with adult and children's activities.

Youth-Led Projects and Get-Togethers | To date, these activities have included informal basketball pick-up games, board game nights and story times for young children. More activities are planned including a more ambitious interfaith podcast project. Look for announcements in your newsletters.

Social and Social Action Activities | These include grounds cleaning and planting, food distribution programs, cooking meals together. More opportunities will be announced during the year.

Everyone is welcome at these events! The ICPC hopes you will join us with any ideas that are meaningful to you, fun, and encourage connections among the three faith communities. To learn more or find out about our next meeting, please contact any of the chairs of the ICPC, Evelyn Ganzglass (BJC), Judy Ozone (BHPC), and Shaheen Khan (MIIC). Contact them at ICPC6601@gmail.com.

Member Updates



Looking for Community? Purpose?
Join our Bradley Hills family.
All are welcome!

New Members Joining October 26

Pastor David would be happy to speak with you about your faith journey and fill you in on the many offerings here and how you can get involved. For those interested in membership, new member classes will be held October 5 & 12. We'll celebrate your journey with a special welcome ceremony during worship on October 26.



Contact Pastor David at
david@bradleyhillchurch.org



Happy September Birthdays

Finley Alderton	Liam Crofoot	Shamus Gleason	Susan Nordeen	Carol Starr
Sanaz Attaripour Isfahani	Luke Crofoot	Natalie Graves	Colin O'Keefe	Pat Stocker
Mia Banashak	Jane De Angeli	Dan Henning	Laura O'Keefe	Erika Thomas
Thomas Berens	Bob Deans	Walter Hill	Matthew Papillon	Kenta Usui
Will Biggs	Amy DeLouise	Gary Hostetler	Drew Potashnik	Margo Vann
Perry Brown	Sanjay Dhar	Elaine Hunt	Harriet Powell	Hannah Wainwright
Adam Browning	Derek Drake	Noemi Kang	Beth Priest	Bradley Watkins
Laura Browning	Eleanor Drake	Skylar Lay	Samuel Quick	Emma Wayman
Melissa Busch	Eleanor Edwards	Victoria Le Vie	Sheri Sankey	Richard Webster
Johanna Campbell	Sammie Flowe	Jessica Llewellyn	Abby Shea	Zach Wheeden
Adam Cochrane	Kelley Fong	Fredrik Melus	Tyler Simpson	Owen Williams
Ken Colton	Jack Fowler	Steve Meyer	Kate Smith	Ali Willman
Maryam Cope	Patrick Fowler	Carson Miller	Stella Soh	Joey Willman
Jeanne Cordisco	Casey Fritz	Doreen Miller	Maggie Spak	Andy Wolvin
Laura Creech	Elle Geist	Isabelle Ng	Will Stafford	

Photos & Announcements

Items for the October 2025 BHX should be sent to
Kristen Abbott at kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org by 9/15.

Did We Miss Your Birthday?

Email **Kristen Abbott**,
Office Manager, at kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org
so we can celebrate with you.



Flower Sign Ups

Interested in dedicating flowers in honor or memory of someone? Use the QR code, or contact Susan Vanderver or Bie Fox. Each dedication costs \$65. All proceeds go to the Flower Guild and Sunday arrangements.



Flower Deliveries

Looking for volunteers to drive and deliver floral arrangements to members who are housebound or ill. To sign up, use the QR code or contact Dee Lleelyn or Caroline Simpson.



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70th Birthday Party September 21

Games | Birthday Cake | Bouncy House | Food



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