

Gratitude to You for this Program Year!

June can be a fun month of buying cards and presents and writing notes. There are graduations, weddings, Father's Day and, in my family, several birthdays. Birthday parties are an opportunity to receive gifts and to practice saying thank you by sending notes. It is an opportunity to cultivate gratitude. Gratitude is a virtue. It can be an antidote to grief. It allows us to navigate the ups and downs of life more gracefully. Robert Emmons writes in his book, *Thanks! How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier*, "grateful people report consistently higher levels of positive emotions, life satisfaction, vitality, optimism and lower levels of depression and stress."

Churches run on volunteers. All who volunteer at church are ministers at BHPC. The commitment and contributions of so many at BHPC are critical. There are more thank yous that I would like to make than I can count.

The *Here for Good* campaign and Music Director search, required focus. We are grateful to the 54 members who volunteered to be part of the campaign infrastructure, and to each person who made commitment to this project. The *Here for Good* campaign will bless Bradley Hills for many years to come. We are also grateful to the music search committee for its strong work, as we are thankful for our year with Paul Vasile. The search group has hired Gunner Chancey, who begins here as July gets started, and we look forward to his ministry among us.

As our summer begins and many activities transition, I am reminded of all the teachers, children and youth workers, sound board and video operators, musicians, office volunteers, chancel guild and chancel players, communion servers, flower guild, choir members, grounds, children and member care givers, lay ministry chairs and members, program, congregational and spiritual life leaders, deacons, elders, visiting team members, ushers, parish associates, and so many others without which this congregation would not be the vibrant

place it is today. I'm grateful for the strong spiritual strength of so many in our community, several of whom will play significant roles in music, preaching and other worship leadership this summer.

It is wonderful to work with our church staff team, each one a joy to be in ministry with. I feel happiness when I set foot in BHPC. What a great place to work!

Thank you for being part of this great church. You are faithful members who support our ministry each week and ensure we are here to open our doors to members and guests alike.

As we move past Pentecost now into ordinary time, we will be worshiping in Covenant Hall this summer, and that will require some adjustment. But it will be worth it as we then return to a beautiful new sanctuary floor by fall. As we move into summer, we join in the ancient chorus of thanksgiving to God for the gifts of Christ's saving grace. We venture forth to grow through spiritual practices like gratitude.

On behalf of my family, I want to say what a privilege it is to be in ministry with each of you. Thank you for caring for Bradley Hills and for being a part of the body of Christ here. See you at church.

In Christ's love,

David

Thank
you

June and July Worship

One Service at 10:00 a.m. in
Covenant Hall and online

June 7

Recognition of Long Time Members
Celebration of Here for Good and
Paul Vasile's Ministry
Community Choir
All Church BBQ

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

June 14

Commissioning of Summer Youth Trips
Celebration of Graduates

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

June 21

Congregational Meeting

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

June 28

Youth Mission Trip Report Back
New Member Class

July 5

Communion

Gunner Chancey Begins as Music Director

Preaching: Ming Hui Tseng

July 12

Recognition of New Members

Preaching: Bob Deans

July 19

Preaching: Ally McKinney Timm

July 26

Preaching: Seminarian Han Setiawan

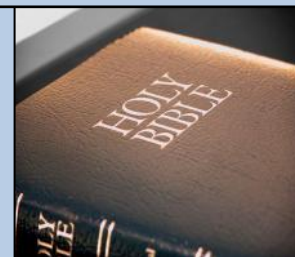
Congregational Meeting | There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at 11:00 AM in Covenant Hall and online to vote on nominating committee members for the year to come.

Summer Sanctuary Plans | This summer our sanctuary will be closed as we replace our original sanctuary floor and surrounding areas with a beautiful, long-lasting, musically supportive, new floor. We will be worshiping in Covenant Hall through late August. **Entry will be through the Gathering Space doors.** We look forward to celebrating our return to the sanctuary by September. Thanks for your patience.



Bible Study on Zoom June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Bible Study continues this summer. Join us by Zoom at 2:00 p.m. to discuss scripture with Pastor David and/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!



Music

A Note from Paul

It has been a blessing to journey alongside BHPC during this season of transition and I want to express heartfelt gratitude for the warm, enthusiastic welcome you offered throughout this interim year. Thank you, too, for your openness to new sounds, different rhythms, and teaching practices that surprised, delighted, and maybe even challenged you. Above all, I hope you were invited to heartfelt prayer and praise, and that you felt connected to God through the music offered each week.

You are blessed to have found a talented musician to serve alongside you in the years ahead. Welcome Gunner's leadership as you welcomed mine, and celebrate the unique gifts he will share.

I leave you with a few exhortations, some ways of being community that we have been practicing together over the past year, and I pray they will be helpful as you continue to grow in voice and spirit.

- **Create spaces for graceful learning.** Strive to cultivate a musical culture at BHPC where process is valued as much as product, where integration and wholeness are the prize you seek, and where challenges, mistakes, and missteps are hallowed as places of discovery.
- **Build and maintain healthy patterns of communication.** Speak with clarity, honesty and, above all, speak with humility about what you love and what challenges you musically.
- **Notice rather than judge.** Pay attention to your experiences in worship and share them with your leaders. What did you feel, hear, see, or sense? The insights gained through noticing can encourage thoughtful, nuanced perspectives, while quick judgement or prescription often stifles creativity and minimizes complexity.
- **Welcome guests and strangers.** To be open to

change and growth means welcoming those who are new, those on the margins, and those who are outside of the community. They may speak more directly and truthfully than you are comfortable with, but their voices and perspective can open up new possibilities that you are unable to see from the inside.

None of this can be accomplished without collaboration, and I encourage you to work together for the greater good of the community. Let music join your breath, voices, and spirits, helping you become the Body of Christ, a beautiful and mysterious manifestation of Jesus' presence in time and space.

I am deeply grateful for all that we experienced during our time together and pray that you will continue to grow in humility, grace, forgiveness, and love, singing your hearts out to God every step of the way! I'll leave you with the words of another Paul, who said it better than I ever could.

*'Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. **And sing, sing your hearts out to God!** Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of Jesus, thanking God every step of the way.'*

–Colossians 3:12-17, The Message (alt.)




Upcoming Events

All Church BBQ



JUNE 7, 2026 | 11 AM

➤ *After 10 am service* ⇐



Bring a side, salad,
or dessert to share.

Kick off your summer at
Bradley Hills' all-church BBQ.
Enjoy good food and great
company. Bring a friend!
Everyone in the neighborhood
is invited.



We'll provide the drinks, hotdogs,
& hamburgers



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

Sunday, June 28

Library
Childcare and lunch included.

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, a new member class will be held June 28. We'll celebrate your journey with a special welcome ceremony during worship on July 12.

Contact Pastor David at
david@bradleyhillchurch.org



Juneteenth Festival | Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival | Join support of this community celebration, to be held **Thursday, June 19** at Cabin John Village Shopping Center.

The Interfaith Pavilion will be hosting a Love Your Neighbor activity, local community Social Action organizations, and lots of fun, fellowship and community building, all in support of Montgomery County's Black Community. This year the pavilion hours will be 9 a.m. -1 p.m., allowing volunteers and festival goers to participate in the afternoon festivities being held at Cabin John Park where the activities and entertainment will be taking place.

Visit www.juneteenthscotland.org/ for the full week-long schedule and list of events.

Connect with Others

Join the Visiting Team | Are you looking for a way to serve Christ and build relationships? Please consider joining the visiting team. We are a ministry of connection and presence. We meet monthly for training and to provide each other mutual support. Our mission is to share Christ's love by visiting one person once a month. Please reach out to Jennifer Kline at jennkline0329@gmail.com - (614-802-9537) or Pastor Denise Diaab for more information at Denise@bradleyhillschurch.org - (301-365-2850).

Mission

Sign Up to Provide a Meal | For many years Bradley Hills has fed the hungry through a ministry with shelters for those who would otherwise be homeless.

Lon's House Available Dates | June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th and December 14th

Becky's House Available Dates | July 13th and August 10th



Sign up to provide a meal at Becky's House:



Sign up to provide a meal at Lon's House:



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.



Sign up on Sign Up Genius or send an email to Joan Burns, BHPC liaison to Faith Presbyterian Church.

Mission

From American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem: Thank you for your donation in support of The Medical Fund. The humanitarian institutions within the Diocese of Jerusalem deliver critical, life-saving services, and your contribution has a profound effect on the well-being of the most vulnerable residents of the Holy Land. Your gift is a testament to your compassion and commitment to our mission.

Presbyterian Church (USA) Ministry Engagement and Support: We give thanks for your faithful and extraordinary support of Presbyterian mission and ministry. The support of your congregation makes a difference in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ locally, national and around the world. Thank you, once again, for your witness to the Great Commission and your support of Presbyterian ministry and mission beyond your congregation. You are a valued partner.

SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders): Thank you so much for your gift in support of LGBTQ+ youth! Your generosity fuels the mission to support and empower queer and trans youth across the DMV and beyond. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in helping LGBTQ+ youth find hope, healing and build a sense of belonging as they move from surviving to thriving.

A Wider Circle: Thank you so much for your generous gift! At A Wider Circle, we've been dedicated to serving our community for over 24 years, and we truly appreciate your partnership in this important work. Together, we've provided both urgent and long-term support to more than 293,000 neighbors experiencing poverty. It's inspiring to see how our efforts have evolved to include career support and deeper community engagement.

Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic: On behalf of the board, staff, and clients we serve, we would like to thank you for your generous donation to support the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic for Diabetes testing and colonoscopies. We thank you for sharing our mission to provide quality, culturally appropriate primary medical care, preventive services, patient navigation, and referrals to specialty care to Montgomery County adult residents who are medically underserved. With your help, we make a difference in the lives of over 1,300 patients whom we provide over 5,000 visits in primary care, specialty care, laboratory, and pharmacy services.

BHPC MISSION IMPACT SNAPSHOT
SHARING NOTES OF APPRECIATION EACH MONTH
FROM BHPC'S SUPPORT OF LOCAL AND
INTERNATIONAL MISSION ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Education

Adult Education is on break for the summer. We will see you back in September!

Interested in watching the past Adult Ed. sessions? Visit the [Bradley Hills YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/@bradleyhillspresbyterianch6885/playlists) at www.youtube.com/@bradleyhillspresbyterianch6885/playlists

HOW WE CAN BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT?

On April 19, Dr. Stacy Small-Lorenz, the Statewide Specialist for Residential Landscape Ecology at the University of Maryland Extension, and Sarah Redden, outreach and program coordinator for Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, delivered a stimulating and informative adult education presentation on how we can be responsible stewards of our local environment, emphasizing the problems that non-native invasive plants cause for our ecosystems and human health and what we can do about it as a congregation. ***Due to a technical problem, the presentation was not recorded.*** The following links provide helpful resources in order to take positive action:

[Removing Invasive Plant Species](#)



[Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas](#)



[Planting Native Plant Gardens & Giveaways](#)



[Bay-Wise Living Landscapes Program \(University of Maryland Extension\)](#)



[Maryland Living Landscapes Metric: A Checklist of Landscape Practices for Healthy Maryland Watersheds](#)



Here for Good Campaign

Introducing the First Fruit Offering: A Season of Gratitude

As we move into summer at Bradley Hills, we are thrilled to announce a special season in the life of our church: the First Fruit Offering (FFO) for the *Here for Good* capital campaign. Over the past few months, we have engaged in deep conversations, visionary planning, and joyful anticipation of how God is calling us to renew and expand our physical space for the next generation of ministry. Following the wrap-up of our main commitment phase at the June 7th BBQ, we will be transitioning into this exciting next step.

What is the First Fruit Offering | The First Fruit Offering is a biblical tradition of bringing the very first and best of our harvest to God as an act of thanksgiving and trust. During this dedicated FFO season from June 14th through July 12th, everyone who hasn't already, is invited to make their initial contribution toward their *Here for Good* commitment.

How to Participate | Whether you have made a formal pledge or simply want to contribute to the campaign's joyful launch, your First Fruit Offering is a tangible way to celebrate our shared future. You can participate by:

- **Giving Online:** Visit the Bradley Hills giving page and designate your gift for the FFO.
- ***Here for Good* Envelopes:** Enclose a check in one of the *Here for Good* envelopes during worship.

Join the Celebration! We will be lifting up the First Fruit Offering throughout our Sunday worship services from mid-June through mid-July. We also invite you to a special "Strawberries and Cream" Coffee Hour Celebration on Sunday, July 12th, immediately following the service, to mark the culmination of this generous season.

Thank you for your continued faith, your generosity, and your commitment to ensuring Bradley Hills is truly *Here for Good*.



HERE FOR GOOD

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Children, Youth and Families

We need adult and youth volunteers to help run VBS! From drama, to shepherds, to recreation, to crafts....there is something for everyone!

When | VBS will be Monday-Thursday this year, and volunteers will need to be here from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Training will be held on Sunday, August 16 from 4:00 to approx. 8:00 p.m. at Bradley Hills. We will be decorating and prepping for Monday and will finish up with a bonfire and s'mores. **Dinner will be provided.**

Please indicate in your registration if there is a day or portion thereof you cannot be here.



Children, Youth and Families



WITH BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHAT?

Join Bradley Hills Presbyterian for 4 days of music, games, crafts and faith formation! VBS invites kids to explore what all living things need to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in our local ecosystems.

WHEN?

August 17-20th, 2026
9am - Noon

WHERE?

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD

QUESTIONS?

Email Rosanna, DCYFM
at Bradley Hills:
Rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org

HOW MUCH?

Register by May 31: \$50/child
Register by August 5: \$65/child

To access early bird rates, use the discount codes provided on the online registration form.

Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

FOR WHOM?

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/26) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (reach out for a volunteer registration form).

REGISTER HERE



Friends Club

Friends Club Has Openings

Friends Club (a ministry of BHPC) brings together active gentlemen in the early-to-mid stages of memory loss in a caring, safe, fun, and secure environment. They meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at BHPC. The program enriches participants' lives by engaging in active discussions and other activities which bring joy and laughter to the members and much needed respite for their caregivers.

To learn more, call Ken Silverstein, Executive Director at 301-469-0070 or email ken@friendsclubbethesda.org.

Bradley Hills Nursery School

It has been a busy 10 months for the children and staff of BHPCNS. Guided by a staff of more than 38 amazing teachers and administrators, over 172 children have played, laughed, danced, sung, climbed, painted, ran, hopped, drew, celebrated, pretended, learned, and so much more throughout our school year. All this playing, learning and growing continues to make BHPCNS one of the most popular preschools in the area. BHPCNS continues to be thankful for the support BHPCNS receives as a mission of BHPC and the greater community at 6601 Bradley Blvd.

On June 1st, Bradley Bear blasted off to outer space along with more than 100 children in our annual summer camp program. Our Bear School Astronauts learned all about the planets, stars, rockets, aliens, and what it is like to be an astronaut. There was lots of water, singing, yoga, crafting, and more. A visit from the planetarium and the ever-popular foam man, rounded out fun!

BHPCNS will close its doors on June 26th to children and teachers. Throughout July and August, our administrative team will be busy getting ready for the 2026-2027 school year, which will begin on August 31st.

There are still a few spaces available in our 2-year-old and pre-k programming. If you would like more information about the upcoming school year and the possibility of enrolling your child, please contact Liz, the school director at lsobrino@bhpcns.org.

Enrollment for the 2027-2028 school year will begin in October. If you have a child between the ages of 2 and 5 and are looking for a play-based, first school experience, please reach out. To learn more about BHPCNS, please visit our website: www.bhpcns.org or contact the office at 301-365-2909.



Happy June and July Birthdays

1 Jun	Deborah Downey		Corky Hickey		Daniel Cope	19 July	Carly Mann
2 Jun	Warren Munson	20 Jun	Nathaniel Hinrichs	5 July	Marion Patel	20 July	Natalie Muth
3 Jun	Allison Liu	21 Jun	Joan Jameson		Rich Hatchett		Calvin Imus
	Ian Kim		Andrew Wright-Nguyen	7 July	Carrie Mann		Ryle Valiaveedu
4 Jun	Waid Lechner		Sophie Cunningham	8 July	Tom Biggs	21 July	Andrew Shea
	Joyce Hunt		George Brown	9 July	Brigitte Burgette	22 July	Gina Perry
7 Jun	Michael Browning	23 Jun	Kate Hatchett		Taylor Williams		Andrew Martel
	Robin Jordan		Bridget Gray		Louise Meyer	23 July	Carol Butcher
8 Jun	Lamar Hicks	24 Jun	Gage Guerrero		Beckett Nolan		Jan Hauck
	Hannah Low		Joni Forster Galvin	10 July	Robin Scott		Peggy Stephenson
9 Jun	Terry Brady	25 Jun	June Kyakobye	11 July	Carolyn Wang		Erik Ridings
	Cameron Wheeden		Bethany Frick	12 July	Elliot Snow		Ella Poffenroth
	Jim Pickerell		Sara Todd		Melissa West	24 July	Gene Kozicharow
10 Jun	Gail Brown		Esmae Quane		Maia Inati	25 July	Emiko Hinds
	Katherine Scheig		Adalyn Quane		Joe Grobowski	26 July	Alexander Watkins
	Dave Burgett	26 Jun	Elaine Henderson		Alex Mace		Eric Anderson
	Scott Winnette	27 Jun	Kara Klontz	13 July	Steve Fox	27 July	Katherine Pritchard
	Alex Nyhan		Christian Hinrichs	14 July	Lisa Scribner	28 July	Leilani Harris
	Andrew Graeub		Caroline Fong		Jeanne Clay		Annie Awanohara
11 Jun	Jennifer Wayman		Luiza Neves		Millie Rickett	29 July	Jeanne Tustian
	Dianne Whitaker	28 Jun	George Brown		Anna Mackey		Steve Dryden
	Grayson Rickett		Todd Wilson	15 July	Pat Kallas		Lida Verner
	Taylor Barker		Caroline Milne		Meredith Plaine		Violet Chalfant
	Mae Holland		Lane Haake		Joel Fickett	30 July	Ali Wilson
12 Jun	Pace Bradshaw	29 Jun	Ann Mitchell		Jennifer Snow		Laura Lokker
	Thea Tseng-McCreight		Andrew Gray		Kelly Bradshaw		Reagan Bradshaw
13 Jun	Liz Allen		Gabriele Limosani		Josephine Munson	31 July	Donna Roberts
	David Jackson	30 Jun	Bettyjean	16 July	Susan Plaine		Bill Edelblut
	Drew Bremer		Schmiedigen		Kathryn Roberts		
14 Jun	Julie Hunter		Holden Shepard		Bonnie Peyer		
15 Jun	Grant Easterbrook	2 July	Sarah Urban		Michelle Friend		
	Jalena Specht		June Bardwell		Noah Hackworth		
	Emily Coffey		Alma Crofoot		Teagan Rickett		
16 Jun	Chris Stauffer		Jeremy Baker	17 July	Corinne Silva		
	Alexandra Martel	3 July	Cheryl Naulty		Camille Bradshaw		
17 Jun	Will Menard		Jason Malashevich		Parker Veghte		
	Myla Williams		Carl Hunt	18 July	Susan Vanderver		
	James Wright-Nguyen		David Moya		Kim Godwin		
18 Jun	Paul Rick	4 July	Bob Reutershan		Sydney West		
19 Jun	Jeff Cordisco		Brent Coffey		Nelson Jordan		

Photos & Announcements

Items for the August 2026 BHX should be sent to
Kristen Abbott at kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org by 7/15.

Did We Miss Your Birthday?

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



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