

Brunswick Reformed Church
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Ministers:
The Congregation

Worship & Christian Education
Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Pastors:
Don Poest
Dan Toot

www.b-r-c.org

Welcome to Brunswick Reformed Church's worship celebrations.
To make our mutual experience more enjoyable today please:

- 1. Relax** - At BRC you can rest assured that you will not be embarrassed, singled out, or put on the spot.
- 2. Fill Out a Welcome Card** - These can be dropped in the offering plate later. The information won't be misused, and will help us know who's been here. It's also a great way to drop a note to, or request a contact from, a staff member.
- 3. Ask for Prayer** - If you have a prayer concern to share, pick up a prayer request form from the cart in back. Give completed forms to an usher or the pastor before the service begins.
- 4. Know There Are Options for Children** -
 - The small room in the right rear corner has rocking chairs where little ones can be rocked, quieted or nursed.
 - We have an excellent nursery for ages 0-3 at the far end of our education wing.
- 5. Join Us for Fellowship** - Coffee and juice are served in the fellowship area after each service. Join us and get acquainted. We do ask that you not take drinks into worship with you.
- 6. Do Not Feel Obligated to Give** - If you are a first-time guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. This is a time when members and regular attendees honor God by giving to his work through this church. Let today be our gift to you.
- 7. Stop by our Welcome Center** for more information about Brunswick Reformed Church!
8. BRC is on the web www.b-r-c.org



Who Is BRC?

We are a member of the Reformed Church in America, a Protestant denomination that goes back to the Reformation period in Europe when the Church was "reformed" according to the Word of God.

We are a mixture of Christians from many denominational backgrounds, all seeking to grow in our spiritual maturity as we live by faith with Jesus as our forgiver and leader. You will find our calling, mission and core value statements on the back of this bulletin.

August 31, 2014

Welcome to worship!

At our 9:00 o'clock service this week David and Jessica Gates present their children Ethan Cody Wagers-Lucas and Emmalin Elizabeth Gates for the sacrament of baptism.

Thank you to the worship team for leading us in worship through music.

Pastor Dan Toot is preaching at Brooklyn Reformed Church today.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship service
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m.: Children's Church meets, for K-4th grades.

10:30 a.m.: *Through the Bible in a Year* class meets in Room 10.

Blood pressure checks are available between services in Pastor Don's office.

2:00 p.m.: A Memorial Service will be held at Waite's Funeral Home in Brunswick for Paul's Morgan's mother, Maxine Savage. There will be visitation from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.: Getting Started, Part 2, meets in Room 4.

Sunday School classes begin next Sunday, Sept 7th

Next Sunday 3rd grade students will be given their own personalized Bible. Come into the worship first, then you'll be dismissed to your Sunday School class after receiving your Bible.

Reminder: Next Sunday we will take an advisory vote on the leadership transition plan proposed by the consistory and affirmed by the Greater Elders.

REACT Student Ministries.....

For Sunday, August 31
and upcoming events



9:00 a.m.: High School Sunday school class, Room 10.

Parents of College students: Please write the contact info (address, college email, phone, etc) for your college student on your welcome card (or email it to Pastor Dan, danjtoot@yahoo.com).

REACT Newsletters and BRC parent pages are available today. Pick up your copy on the welcome center.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF TAILGATE PARTY

When: Sunday, Sept 7th @ 12:30pm

Where: Brunswick Reformed Church

Who: All Students 6th - 12th grade along with their parents (Younger siblings are invited)

THIS WEEK:

The summer session of Grief Share had concluded. A new 13-week session with updated videos will begin on Sept 8.

Monday: Take time on Labor Day to thank God for the employment you have, or have had.

Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 10 am-noon, Room 8, studying “Love One Another.” All are welcome

Wednesday: Ugandan Kids choir, 7pm Cook-out 5:30- 6:30, see bulletin insert for more details. Please note on your welcome card the number attending the cook-out.

Special prayer time: On Wednesday, from 6:30-7:00 p.m., between the cookout and the concert, there will be a special time of prayer focus for the vote on Sunday regarding the pastoral leadership transition plan. Please join us in the youth room for this time of prayer.

Thursday: Worship Team rehearsal, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Friday: Shining Stars Bible study, 1:30 p.m. at SW Commons. Now studying the book of ACTS.

Saturday: Men's renewal team meets at 8:30 a.m. in Room 8

Saturday: Kayla Palko and Joshua Smith will be united in marriage in a 3:30 p.m. church ceremony here. Congratulations!

Our "Summer in the Psalms" is quickly fading! How did we get to Labor Day so soon? I have really enjoyed working through this cross section of the psalms with you, and invite you to continue with us on Wednesday evenings as we continue to look at a few more of these compositions of thoughts and emotions that have spoken to God's people for centuries.

But today and next week we will wrap up the sermon series. Today we take a corporate view of God's commitment to us, his people, in the nitty-gritty moments of life. Next week I'll share some much more personal reflections on God's presence with me on my life's journey to this point.

What have the psalms said to you this summer? What have you learned? Where have you been encouraged? Stretched? Comforted? Challenged? If you have not yet made it through the psalms, keep reading. And keep asking God to speak to you through them.

On Sept 14 I will begin a series of messages under the heading of, Dear God, . . . in which we will see what answers are given in scripture to some of the "questions for God" that you have given me. By then I hope to have a lineup prepared so that you can invite friends who may have similar questions. The first one will be, Dear God, how do I know if I'm doing a good job?

Pastor Don

Wednesday Connections classes begin on September 10.

Advance: Elders meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept 8

Attendance last week was 91 & 135.

Offerings for Aug 17 totaled \$8,142.50.

Next week's message by Pastor Don, based on Psalm 16, will be, Walking the Path of Life

AN EVER-PRESENT HELP

INTRODUCTION

In the next two weeks we will wrap up our "Summer in the Psalms"

This week Psalm 46 gives a corporate statement of faith

Next week Psalm 16 will give a personal statement of faith

PSALM 46

Setting an Anchor (vs 1-3)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble
refuge and strength

ever-present

help

Therefore we will not fear

Even the total chaos depicted is not fearful

We always have chaos and fear-inducing circumstances around us
me

Pastor Dan

this church

what our history has demonstrated

Living in Paradise (Lost) (vs 4-7)

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy
place

Most scholars believe this is a reference to Paradise, with its river
Revelation 22:1-2

God is w/i her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress

How do you respond to the world news of the day?
fear and trembling and worry?

with a deep desire for God to wrap everything up now?

with confident hope w/o seeing God's hand at work?

God is still with us; do you live as though that is true?

The Culmination (vs 8-11)

We are invited to come see the culmination of human history
God overpowers all human powers

God destroys all human means of destruction

God speaks to all humanity

"Be still!" = Quiet! Cease and desist! Peace!

"Know that I am God" (and know that you are not!)

the ultimate goal of human history is that all submit to Jesus
Philippians 2:9-11

nothing will be able to prevent this

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven**

Matthew 6:10

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress

What is the starting & end point for you?

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

HC A #1

Is this reality when life and faith collide?

Heidelberg Catechism Question 123.

What does the second request mean?

Answer. "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.

The baptism baby quilt embroidery group will not meet this summer but will resume the first Thursday in October at 7pm. Please call Donna Gates 330 725-0625 if you plan to attend.

Medina Community Center is collecting new or gently used blankets and other bedding during September. A donation box is located under the Secret Sister shelf.

Prayer joys and concerns: Ryan Raich has returned home, and Mary Szenger expects to return home on Wednesday, although she still faces radiation of other brain tumors and surgery to remove the cancerous growth in her lung. Former member Dave Mihuta, who now lives in GA, is recovering well after an 11-hour reconstructive surgery at University Hospital. Trace Spears has been diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. Gini Reinke is scheduled for back surgery on Sept 12. Continue to pray for those with ongoing health concerns: Sharon & Jerry Burgess, Vivian Cooperrider, Emerson Draiss, Nancy Hanwell, Anna Henry, Peg Jenkins, Flora Kostyak, Rose & Bob Murray, Eileen Raich, Jordan Segura, Betty Sweet, Ted Szenger, Mary Trzop and Nickey Whited. Continue to pray for our military.

Sermon Questions

AN EVER-PRESENT HELP

Psalm 46

1. Tell about the one person in your life who was always there for you. How have you treated that person?
2. Tell about a time when you really came through for someone else. How did they respond?
3. What is the most chaotic situation you ever faced? What emotions were you feeling at the time? Did you sense God's presence?
4. What is the most fearful situation you are facing in life right now? How are you handling this? How does your faith speak into this?
5. Do you watch the news? Why or why not? Does God seem more absent, or at work? What does your faith tell you?
6. What is the ultimate goal of human history? How do you fit into the picture?
7. "Be still, and know that I am God!" What does God want from us in response to this?
8. What is your ultimate comfort in life and in death?
9. When life and faith collide in your daily routine, which wins out? Why?
10. What is one thing you will do different as a result of this message?

To get a cd of any of our sermons, simply write "cd" and the requested date on your Welcome Card. You'll then find your requested cds on the shelf across from the kitchen (usually by Tuesday.)

The sermon audio files, sermon outlines, study questions, verses and bulletins are available on the church website www.b-r-c.org.

Serving at BRC

Sunday, August 31

Greeters (9) - J & D Gates

(10:30) - J & R Niedermeyer

Welcome Center -G& C Lenart

Nursery (9) - T Smyrak

(10:30) - K Rhue, E Beal

Ushers (9) - P Buser, M Pakso

Assisting - N Virzi, M Wilk

(10:30) - C Dickens, C Rounds

Assisting - K Wright, M Herbert

Verse Cards (9)-E & K Gentile

(10:30)-D & M Cook

Coffee-&Juice (9) - E Leight

Sunday, Sept 7

Greeters (9) - G Koch

(10:30) - C Rounds

Welcome Center - J & R Smalley

Nursery (9) - J Poore

(10:30) - C Wright, R Garapic, M Cook

Ushers (9) - N Virzi, M Wilk

Assisting - D Sensiba, E Gentile

(10:30) - K Wright, M Herbert

Assisting - I Fultz, L Wisniewski

Verse Cards (9)-G & C Lenart

(10:30)-G Brualdi, J Jansen

Coffee-&Juice (9) - M Zeigler, T Lezark

Sunday, Sept 14

Greeters (9) - M & R Wilk

(10:30) - P Walker

Welcome Center - M Herbert

Nursery (9) - K Toot

(10:30) - S Goots, El Kisner

Ushers (9) - D Sensiba, E Gentile

Assisting - P Morgan, T Michelson,

(10:30) - I Fultz, L Wisniewski

Assisting - J Fazekas, G Brualdi

Verse Cards (9)-P Lods, B Cognata

(10:30)-J & E Smalley

Coffee-&Juice (9) - J & D Cook

Sunday, Sept 21

Greeters (9) - G Bindel

(10:30) - P Colonna

Welcome Center - G & C Lenart

Nursery (9) - B Vega

(10:30) - G Smith, A Pasquale

Ushers (9) - P Morgan, T Michelson,

Assisting - B Jacobs, D Parker

(10:30) -J Fazekas, G Brualdi

Assisting - P Nixon, J Niedermyer

Verse Cards (9)-N Hapney, M Zeigler

(10:30)-J & R Niedermyer

Coffee-&Juice (9) - B & N Hanwell

Brunswick Reformed Church

Why Do We Exist?

BRC exists to be a church
where the love of Jesus is transforming lives.

What Do We Do?

BRC offers opportunities for Christ-centered worship,
discipleship, fellowship, service and outreach.

What Are Our Core Values?

Scripture: In all of life the Bible governs, guides, shapes and sends us
out.

Humility: God and his grace is the lens through which
we view and respond to ourselves and others.

Compassion: The love of Jesus empowers us to value and love
all people, and to serve those for whom God is equipping us.

To What Values Do We Aspire?

Discipleship: We will continue to develop a wise
understanding of God's Word, an ability to discern God's will,
and an eagerness to obey God's leading.

Worship: We will continue to grow in our commitment
and love for both personal and corporate worship.

Kingdom-focused: We will place involvement in
God's mission before personal preferences or human traditions.

Faith sharing: With humble confidence we will live out
our faith, sharing our stories and inviting others to join us
on the journey as we have opportunity.

Prayer: We will live all aspects of life dependent on God
and in communication with him, sharing our hearts
and listening for his leadings.