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

Pastors:

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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. Give by Text is available. Simply send a text to 330-239-8652 with the amount you would like to contribute.

8. Stop by our Welcome Center for more information about Brunswick Reformed Church!

9. BRC is on the web <u>www.b-r-c.org</u>



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. November 20, 2016

Welcome to worship.

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship service

9:00 a.m.: • *The Life of Joseph* taught by Phil Carroll. Room 6

9:00 a.m.: *Exodus* taught by Jay Carroll. Room 8

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

10:45 a.m.: Sunday School classes for Pre-K through 5th Grade

Please bring all Operation Christmas Child boxes to church by today by 3:00 p.m.

REACT Student Ministries.....

For Sunday, November 20 and upcoming events



9:00 a.m.: Middle School & High School Sunday school class meets in Room 10.

6:00-8:00 p.m.: REACT Youth Group Progressive Dinner



A popular Christmas gift idea is back!

BRC T-shirts, (youth, unisex, ladies) short or long sleeve, Polos, Sweatshirts or hoodies,



Order online - starts TODAY (thru Dec 4) <u>http://brc.clvhosting.com/</u>

Multiple designs, multiple colors & sizes, design on back is optional. NEW COLORS! Shirts will be here in time for Christmas giving!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

This Wednesday, 11-23, is our Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:30 p.m. This is a special service in which members of the congregation get the chance to say what they are thankful for specific to 2016. This year will be



the same format, some leading by the pastors, some Scripture passages, and a time to share. What we are hoping for this year that will be a little bit different from past years is to focus our times of thanksgiving on what God has done for us. So if you want to share please do, but ask yourselves these questions leading up to next Wednesday. What has God done for me this year? How has God provided for me, protected me, guided me, or blessed me this year? What can I say to give God the thanks He deserves?

The children sang today and passed out a few leaves. We invite everyone to pick up a leaf or 2 after worship. The leaves will be on the table near the bulletins. Write down the things you are thankful for, bring those leaves back to worship with you on Thanksgiving Eve and add them to the thankfulness tree.

We hope to have a great turnout, and to hear people give thanks to our great God for all he has done for us individually and as a church this historic year at BRC. God Bless you!

THIS WEEK:

Monday: Consistory meets in Room 4, 7:30 p.m. Deacons meet in Room 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday: Campus Life, 6:30 p.m.

Monday: Grief Share, 7:00 p.m. Rooms 8 & 4.

Tuesday: Potter's Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Rm 10.

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Refit® from 9-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Area.

Saturday: Melanie Pillivant and Ryan Andel will be united in marriage. We offer our congratulations and pray for God's rich blessings on their life together.

REFIT® WORLDWIDE DANCE PARTY!!!

Come join us on Sunday November 27th from 4:30-6pm! The founders of REFIT® are streaming a free 90 minute live class on their Facebook page from their studio in Waco, Texas! We will show the broadcast on the big screen and all dance off that turkey and stuffing together! If you haven't checked out REFIT® yet, here's a great opportunity! REFIT® is for all ages, all levels of fitness, come as you are! Any questions call Michelle Morgan 440-537-0772 and check out their website www.refitrev.com.

Adopt Towslee: Continue praying for your adopted Towslee Elementary staff person and remember them with a small gift before Thanksgiving. Needs to be at BRC by 10 am on Tuesday.



Volunteers are needed to ring the bell for the **Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign** at Giant Eagle in Brunswick on Dec 5, 6 and 8. The sign-up sheet with hourly slots from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. is on the bulletin board in the fellowship area. Let's fill all the slots! The Belgic Confession Article 24a: The Sanctification of Sinners

We believe that this true faith, produced in man by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates him and makes him a"new man," causing him to live the "new life" and freeing him from the slavery of sin.

Therefore, far from making people cold toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary,

so works within them that apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God but only out of love for themselves and fear of being condemned.

So then, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls "faith working through love, which leads a man to do by himself the works that God has commanded in his Word.



Adopt a Family

Each year one of our church-wide service projects is to Adopt-a-Family from the church, from our Kid's Hope connection at Towslee School, or from the community (in that order of priority) for Christmas. If you know of a family that needs such help, please write "have a family" on your Welcome Card. If you are

willing to adopt a family, write "adopt" on your Welcome Card and we will get you a wish list from the family so that you can shop for them, wrap the gifts, and bring them to church for us to deliver. Thanks for helping us help others have a great Christmas!

"Dear BRC,

As we enter this week of Thanksgiving, I want to thank our Lord for His mercy through my illness. Although one would never choose this journey, if you had to, you'd never want to go through it without trusting our God. So, thank you, BRC, for your prayers and the love shown to me and my family during this time." Love, Gene Shuster and family

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Upcoming Calendar of events for Wednesdays in Advent

(& some Christmas events)

This Wednesday Nov 23rd: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30pm

Wednesday Nov 30th: All-church potluck, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday December 7th: 6:00 p.m. Santa's workshop (Christmas crafts for the whole family)

Wednesday December 14th: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

Sunday December 18th: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert

Wednesday December 21st: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Movie for the kids, parents Christmas Shopping.

Saturday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve services at 5, 7 & 11

Saturday, Dec 25, Christmas Day worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Advent Devotions available from the RCA.

Each day during Advent, the RCA website posts a new Advent devotional. The 2016 Advent devotions were written by RCA church planters and parent churches; they are based on the Revised Common Lectionary. You can visit the site daily, or sign up to receive the devotions in your email each day from November 28 to December 24.

https://www.rca.org/resources/adventdevos Advent begins on November 27.

Small Group Transformation Group Questions

Philippians 3:17-21

1) Before this week's sermon there have been 10 messages given by Pastor Dan from the book of Philippians as highlighted in this week's sermon outline. Which one has impacted you most and why?

2) That which Paul is calling us to in this letter is a tall order. Why is it a good thing that this list is difficult/impossible for us to reach alone?

3) Why is the term "Lone-ranger Christian" an oxymoron?

4) Why is it so important to have a mentor in the Christian life? Do you have one? Why or why not?

5) Are those we are "walking in a row" with on a regular basis "citizens of heaven" or "enemies of the cross of Christ?" What impact are they having on us?

6) Why is the gospel not just the ABC's of the Christian life, but also the A to Z of it?

7) Have you ever been an apprentice? Have you ever been the master? What did you learn from each role & how can it be applied to the Christian life?

8) How does being a citizen of heaven define your life, how you live, and who you are striving to become?

9) In what specific areas of your life do you need to "imitate Paul as he imitates Christ?"

This week's verses

Philippians 3:17 1 Corinthians 11:1 2 Timothy 2:15 Matthew 7:15 1 John 2:15 Philippians 3:20

Serving at BRC

Sunday, November 20 Greeters (9) - Jim and Donna Gates (10:30) - Carol Rounds Nursery (9) - Steph Beck or Krista Caruth (10:30) - Kristin Toot, Serena Kramer Ushers (9) - Bob Jacobs, Dennis Parker Assisting - Eric Raich, Earl Holzheimer (10:30) - Gary Brualdi, Scott Epperson Assisting - Ilze Fultz, Patty Walker Hospitality - Bill & Nancy Sutton, Rick & Sharon Meyer, Jaime Coyne

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED, Sign-up on your welcome card if you can help! Wed, Nov 23, Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:30 p.m. Greeters -Gail Bindel Nursery - LuAnn Sweet Ushers -Assisting -

Sunday, November 27
Greeters (9) - Mel & Renate Wilk

(10:30) - Mark Herbert

Nursery (9) - Steph Beck or Krista Caruth

(10:30) - Melissa Fazekas, Savannah Dickens

Ushers (9) - Eric Raich, Earl Holzheimer
Assisting - Rick Meyer, Paul Morgan

(10:30) - Ilze Fultz, Patty Walker
Assisting - Bob Besida, Eric Kramer

Hospitality Bill & Nancy Sutton, Guy & Candice Lenart, Deb Reichle

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 <u>www.b-r-c.org.</u>



We at BRC believe the love of Jesus brings transformation:

INWARD - As we experience the love of Jesus together in worship!

UPWARD - As we grow in grace and truth through small groups & Bible studies!

OUTWARD - As we participate together in the mission of Jesus by serving others and sharing our faith!

