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Midweek Announcements March 26, 2020

This Sunday, March 29

NO Orange Gathering & OnSite Small Groups

NO Onsite Worship
Worship will be live streamed at 11 am

[Click Here to Watch Worship Online](#)

Message: The Last Supper
Scripture: John 13:1-17
Rev. Beth Wendl Preaching

And **NEW this Sunday**, we are inviting you to participate in worship virtually by ***taking pictures of your Communion table at home and posting*** them to the BCC Facebook Group or Instagram page - see details below.

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Ways to Connect at BCC

Our mission statement at BCC is *Connect - Serve - Grow*. Little did we know when we developed this statement that we would be invited to live it out in such new ways during this

season that we are all experiencing now. How can we connect, or serve, or grow when the Church cannot be physically present all together?

The good news is that God is always creating new ways for us to experience life together and to join God in the work of creativity, even in the midst of fear and uncertainty. The word of the prophet Isaiah reminds us of this:

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43:19*

Onsite activities at BCC remain cancelled through Sunday, April 5; this includes onsite small groups/Sunday School and onsite worship services on March 29 & April 5. But there are new ways opening up for us to connect, serve, and grow:

- **NEW! Join a Zoom small group.** Zoom is a video conferencing platform where you can see and hear one another, but you can also dial in from a landline. Our Young Adult and Adult Disciples Sunday School classes are planning virtual gatherings, as well our Women's Lenten Bible Study, our Explorers children's class, our Youth group, and more! If you are interested in participating contact bccoffice@brookhavenchristian.org or Rev. Beth to connect with a small group.

- **Participate in BCC's Facebook Group or Instagram pages.**

And **NEW this Sunday**, we are inviting you to participate in worship virtually by **taking pictures of your Communion table at home and posting them on those pages** (or text or email them to Rev. Beth for posting). Take pictures of your bread or crackers, your juice or water, even your breakfast or comfort foods - however you are breaking bread and communing as the Body of Christ. For information on joining these pages, please contact bccoffice@brookhavenchristian.org.

- **Serve others in need.** There are several **NEW** immediate opportunities detailed below in the Outreach Update - you can make a difference by reaching out with God's love!

- **Stay connected through BCC's Midweek News.** Know someone who is not receiving these communications, but wants to? Please send requests to be included to bccoffice@brookhavenchristian.org.

- **Reach out with a telephone call, email or text or send a card to someone you miss seeing.** Our BCC online directory has been fully updated. If you need the password to access it, please contact bccoffice@brookhavenchristian.org.

- **Watch BCC's online live-stream worship service at 11 am each Sunday** or watch the replay immediately following.

- **Support BCC's continued ministries through giving.** Mail your check to the church or give online through Givelify.

- **Pray.** This is something we can do anywhere and everywhere. We are always connected, serving, and growing with God and one another through the power of prayer!

The prophet Isaiah declares:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;*

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

- *Isaiah 43:1b-2*

God goes with us during this and every season and is doing new things and calling us to trust and join in that work. With God's help, we will do new things, together!

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Pastor Search Committee Update

During this challenging time, the BCC Pastor Search Committee remains hopeful about all that God is doing in the life of our church and beyond. We are still meeting via phone and video conferences and have found renewed energy. We have also added a new team member (Ryan Kohrs) and are happy to see some additional candidates have been posted for our review. We are in the process of reviewing these, as well as previous candidates, and plan to conduct initial screenings in the near future. We ask for your continued prayers as we stay on our journey to find a new Senior Minister for BCC. Thank you!

OUTREACH UPDATE - March 26

As we continue to adjust to the “new normal” of our lives impacted by physical distancing, we at BCC want to continue to remember and help some of those who are being most impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. We have reached out to another ministry partner, Presencia, which normally operates an afterschool program for 51 elementary children at Bloom at Dresden Park Apartments in Atlanta. Although this program is currently suspended, there is an opportunity to support the families of these children with grocery store gift cards.

According to Ruth Ann North, executive director, most of the parents (who are primarily immigrants) are either hourly, low-wage, or service workers whose incomes are being drastically affected. “These are tough times upon already tough times for most of our families,” she said. In addition to the grocery store gift cards, Presencia is putting together and distributing backpacks full of enrichment activities and school supplies for the kids.

- 1) **Through March, support StandUp For Kids** by either mailing a check or giving online, indicating “Stand Up For Kids.” Click below to give online.
- 2) **Give to BCC’s general outreach fund** by either mailing a check or giving online, indicating “COVID-19 Outreach,” which will be used for needs in our BCC family as they come up. Click below to give online.
- 3) **Give directly to Presencia’s current outreach efforts** at <https://presenciaatl.networkforgood.com/projects/95428-groceries-for-presencia-families>.

~Kathy McDowell
Outreach Chair

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Upcoming Worship Topics at BCC

April 5
Palm Sunday

Message: HOSANNA!
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11
Rev. David Kenley Preaching

April 12
Easter Sunday

Message: Seeking Signs of Life
Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10
Rev. Beth Wendl Preaching

Lent at BCC

Dear Friends,

During the season of Lent, we prepare our hearts for Jesus' journey to the cross and then to the resurrection. This season invites us to personally reflect on the passion of Jesus and consider in our own lives: *What is worth dying for? What is worth living for?* In addition to what we will be doing in worship over the next few weeks, we hope that the below Lenten Devotionals will enrich your journey through Lent as we walk toward Easter together.

~Rev. Beth and the Elders of Brookhaven Christian Church

[Click here for a link to the 2020 BCC Lenten Devotionals](#)

Camp Christian Online Registration

Dates will be changing.
Stay tuned for more information.



Prayer Concerns:

New Concerns:

Elizabeth (neighbor of Kathy & Dave McDowell), whose baby is due May 15

Carol Mallon, undergoing physical therapy, prayers for gaining strength

Andrew McDowell (son of Kathy & Dave McDowell), and all those with compromised immune systems

All medical workers, both front-line and behind the scenes

The Presencia community and the families they support during this challenging time financially

Those suffering from Corona virus disease

Celebration:

Gabby and Steven Kinney, expecting baby #3

Continued Prayers:

Teresa Serrano (Monica Chipman's mother), healing from lung procedures and is scheduled to be released from the hospital on 3/26

Ongoing Concerns:

Marcia Butler, Ethel Cheponis, June Clark, Eva Davis, Francoise Edoth, Kaitlyn Fey, Carolyn Flemming, Michael Fuentes, Doris Guzman, George Hurst, Jeff Hurst, Patti Keesler, Margie Kinney, Chris Lipham, Martha Low, Mary Malek, Rebecca Moore, Jim and Judy Mowrey, Steve Owen, Sandra Parlier, Kinneth Pruitt, Boyd Rose, Rama Sampath, Brittain Serrano, Mary Ann Tilghman, Ammarie Wilson, JeRie Wilson, Ashley Wylie, Rev. Michael Zhu, **People in Nashville and surrounding areas** impacted by recent tornadoes

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