

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR
BROWN ST. UMC

FOR THE KIDS

By Pastor Ryan

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Do you remember Sunday School? Who was your teacher?

I remember going to Sunday School as a kid, hearing Bible stories told to me by some of the older church ladies. Sometimes it wasn't an older church lady, but a parent of one of the kids in my class.

Those kids in Sunday School were also in my Confirmation class. We grew up together. We didn't all go to the same school, but we were in Sunday School together, we sang in the kids choir together, we went through Confirmation together and became members of the church together. When we were older and in the youth group, we went on retreats and mission trips together. We were a community.

Those are some of my favorite memories, honestly, even though I'm not sure what Bible lessons I learned back then. What I did learn was how to participate in a community that I journeyed with over a number of years. I learned what it looked like to love people who I wouldn't have always chosen as my friends. I learned how to be a part of the Church, which has served me well.

What about you? When did you start coming to church? Who was in your Sunday School class? What impact did those relationships have on you? Is it possible you have continued to participate in the life of the church because someone brought you at a young age, and some grown ups found it important enough to teach you?

I wonder what it will look like for us to start doing that for the children and youth in our community. It is time - well past time - we turn our attention to the young people in our midst, to help them create their own community within our larger one.

If you feel called to help create or participate in ministries for our kids and youth, I hope you'll share your ideas with me. But I am inviting all of you to start praying. Pray for the kids and youth in our community, in our neighborhood. Then pray for our church. Pray for God to show us how to best love our young people. Pray that our church would be a place where kids and youth find community, where they learn what it means to be a part of the church, and where they are able to help usher in what comes next.

Monthly **Mission**

TIPPECANOE CO. UNITED FOOD PANTRY

Our mission collection for the month of May is the Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry. Sponsored by various churches in the county, the TCU Food Pantry provides food and hygiene products to those in need in our community.

Monetary Donations

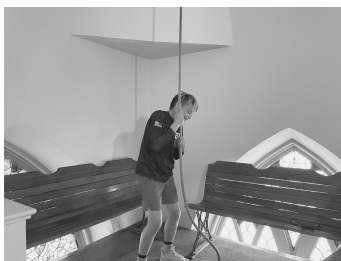
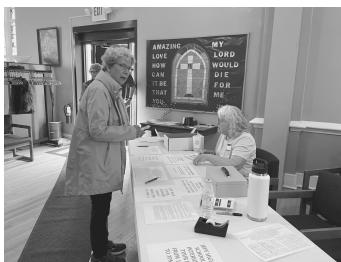
To give a monetary donation, mark your envelope "mission" and place it in the collection plate. Or, visit brownstumc.org/give and type "mission" in the memo line.

Food Donations

Wishlist: peanut butter, canned veggies/fruit, canned tuna/meats, cereal, canned pork & beans, soups - canned & Ramen, toilet paper, soaps/shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant. Drop your donations off in the chapel!

HISTORIC JEFFERSON NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

On Saturday, April 29, Brown St. participated in Preserve Historic Lafayette/Wabash Valley Trust's Historic Jefferson Neighborhood Walking Tour. Participants were able to ring the bell at Brown St. and see 8 other historic locations in the neighborhood. The tour raised over \$3,000 for Brown St.'s expansion and improvement fund! Thank you to Sean Lutes for organizing the tour and everyone who helped as docents or attended!



FAMILY DINNER - TUESDAYS @ 5:30PM

Menu:

5/2 - Mexican
5/9 - Sloppy Joes
5/16 - Pancakes
5/23 - TBD



Want to help? Check the Chapel for sign-ups to provide food, host a table, set-up, clean-up, and more! Questions? Reach out to Maia at info@brownstreetumc.org.

GRIEF GROUP

Sundays at 1:00pm, Congress St. hosts a grief support group, led by a licensed counselor. No matter what you're grieving, the loss of a loved one, a divorce, loss of a job, or any other cause of hurt, you are welcome to come and join this group. Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those of you who contributed toward the love gift I received for Administrative Professionals Day. I am so grateful for each one of you and blessed to be a part of the Brown St. community! It is an honor to be your administrative assistant. Love you all! - Maia

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

5 - Magnolia Traeger
17 - Kurt Kuebler
18 - Kay Hardesty
30 - Max McClannen

ANNIVERSARIES

26 - Roger & Kathy McClannen





Our weekly garden workdays will begin on **Wednesday, May 3rd** and continue through September. **Join us every Wednesday at 9am** to weed, water, plant, harvest, and take care of our garden and outdoor spaces. All are welcome as often as they can attend! Questions? Contact Sandy Leill or Mary Jo Bartolacci.



GET CONNECTED. STAY CONNECTED.

FAMILY DINNER ON TUESDAY NIGHT:

Our May Family Dinners will be on:

May 2nd, May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd

If you would like to help with this evening of fellowship, contact Maia Gibson for ways to help!

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR:

Join Congress St. and Brown St UMC for lunch on Wednesdays!

Each Wednesday we gather for a casual lunch at Pizza Hut on Farabee Drive in Lafayette at noon. Everyone is welcome to join us!

SACRED SILENCE:

Join Pastor Ryan in the Brown St. sanctuary on Thursdays at noon for a 20 minute time of prayer/meditation. Whatever prayer practice works best for you is welcome.

We end with a very simple observance of Holy Communion.



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Sunday Worship:

Join us in-person in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live at
<https://www.facebook.com/BrownStreetUnitedMethodistChurch>

Sunday mornings at 9am.

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