

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!

## **Brunswick Reformed Church**

Where the love of Jesus is transforming lives....



Sunday December 24, 2023

Lead Pastor- Dan Toot Associate Pastor- Jay Carroll

Worship Services
Sunday 9am & 10:45am • In-person & Online
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## Welcome to worship with Brunswick Reformed Church. To make today's experience enjoyable to God and to all please:

**Relax** - At BRC you can rest assured that you will not be embarrassed, singled out, or put on the spot.

#### Fill Out a Connect Card -

These can be dropped in the offering boxes or you can scan the QR code and fill it out online. 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.



**Ask for Prayer** - If you have a prayer concern to share, write it on a yellow prayer card. Give completed forms to an usher or the pastor before the service begins.

**Care for your children** - The small room in the rear corner of the worship center 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.

**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.

**Brunswick Reformed Church** is a member of the Reformed Church in America. We call ourselves "reformed" because we are a Protestant denomination with a heritage of faith that traces back to the Reformation of the Church in 16th century Europe—and we still thrive today! BRC is now a mixture of Christians from many denominational backgrounds, all seeking to grow and live by faith in Jesus, according to the Word of God.

For more information about BRC:



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Continue faithfully in prayer for those with ongoing health concerns: Joann Besida, Greg Blauser, Wendell Blauser, Biagio Boytim, Rick Demeter, Sue George, Nancy Hanwell, Rose Murray, Eileen Raich, Gini Reinke, Carol Rounds, Margaret Zapotechne and Steve Zapotechne.

Continue to pray for our military personnel.

For more prayer concerns, see our ePrayer emails. If you do not receive these and would like to, please email Michelle Morgan at michelle@b-r-c.org to be added to the list.





# REFIT WORLD WIDE WORKOUT ON JANUARY 1ST at 7pm!

We are hosting this **free** 90 minute live stream workout led by the founders of REFIT! Come start your new year right with us at BRC and workout with others all around the world. To attend just sign up with the QR code in the photo or at

<u>refitrev.com</u> and choose

**Brunswick Reformed Church** as your location. Everyone is welcome!



Registration is open for Summer Camp at Beulah Beach in Vermilion, OH!

High School Camp (ages 14-18) June 23-28
Middle School Splash Camp (ages 11-14) July 7-12

- \*Register for Youth Overnight Camps at beulahbeach.org
- \*Use voucher code BRC100 to get \$100 discount
- \*Register by March 20th to receive an additional \$25 discount

Please register as soon as you can, in past years these camps have filled up quickly!



No Youth Group Dec 24 & Dec 31-enjoy family time!

### LIGHTS FOR LIONS

Donations of broken/used Christmas lights and extension cords help support the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's conservation efforts for lion and cheetahs. Donated lights and extension cords will be

recycled and useful metals repurposed.

All proceeds from this metal repurposing are donated to the Zoo's Future for Wildlife partner Lion Landscapes. Researchers and scientists work in key landscapes of Tanzania, Kenya, and Zambia to conserve lion populations and other large carnivores. Their mission is to achieve successful human carnivore coexistence by empowering local communities, and to develop effective strategies for long term carnivore conservation. They aim to reduce the costs and improve the benefits associated with wildlife, particularly carnivores, on village land, and directly engage and empower local people in conservation.

Learn more here: www.lionlandscapes.org

Last year donations at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo totaled over 14 tons of lights, for a donation of \$10,310.10 to conservation from Cleveland. Thank you BRC for your donations.

If you wish to help, there is a box on the shelf across from the kitchen at BRC to recycle your Christmas lights and extension cords. If you have further questions, contact the Sensibas.

#### **Order of Worship**

- \*Prepare Your Hearts for Worship
- \*Call to Worship and Time of Praise
- \*Announcements and Prayer Concerns
- \*Congregational Prayer
- \*Message
- \*Benediction



#### **Heidelberg Catechism**

#### Question 86.

We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

#### Answer.

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.

But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through

And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

#### What's happening this week?

Today:

10:00am Christmas Eve Worship Service 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

(w/ candlelight and communion)

7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

(w/ candlelight and communion)

Thursday:

7:00pm Journey to Bethlehem at Hickory Ridge Cinemas

This Thursday at 7pm we will be having a private showing of the movie Journey to Bethlehem at Hickory Ridge Cinemas. It is a musical telling of the story of Jesus's birth. If you want to go, and haven't already told Pastor Jay, please reach out to him ASAP to make sure we have enough seats for everyone. He will reach out to everyone that responded on Tuesday.



The church offices will be closed December 26th through January 1st.

If you need to contact us during this time, Michelle will be checking her voicemail and

messages regularly at michelle@b-r-c.org or 330-225-5475.

Pastor Dan and Pastor Jay will be on vacation.

Our offering for 12/17/23 was \$10,155.71 towards the annual budget. The month-to-date total offering is \$28,500.19 Monthly budget-to-date is \$24,735.84

Next week we are back to our regular services, Sunday School classes, and volunteer schedule. If you want to make a donation to the church to be credited toward 2023, it has to be in the church no later than Sunday 12-31.

# EVENING CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 4PM (quieter) & 7PM (contemporary) BOTH WITH CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION

\*NURSERY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL SERVICES





Our offering for Christmas Eve this year is designated to support our ministry to Operation Christmas Child for 2024.

You can give in person by placing your gift in the offering boxes or you can

donate online as well using the green QR code and designating your gift to CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING.

