



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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January 18th, 2026
Human Relations Day

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story

#156

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: The Summons**

#2130

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come with me on a journey of faith.

P: Bring your hopes and visions of a new possibility.

L: God's work among us is just beginning.

P: We are called into a future yet unnamed.

L: We hear the call of Jesus and venture forward, leaving behind our comfort zones and certainties.

P: We travel in the spirit of faith and expectation.

L: We are led by the One who brings God's light to the world.

P: May we be witnesses to God's new path and believe that we are never alone. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and spirits today to hear your word for us. And may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

***HYMN: This Little Light of Mine**

#585

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

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GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

#712

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

21—Heather Berger

Guide our feet, God. Show us the light of grace when we judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we say icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.

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Every good and perfect gift comes from God, the Giver of all. How we manage the gifts we have been given, however, is a matter of the choices we make. We have been given the good sense to use God's gifts for the purposes for which God has called us. And in Christ, we are given the Spirit's guidance to make those choices well. May we bring forth the best we can offer, the best we can choose, for the blessing of the world, and for the carrying forth of Christ's mission.

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Ever-Present and Calling God, you know us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them, and us, to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.