

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

June 2011

A TIME FOR US TO REJOICE!

It took 15 years of dreaming, planning, two capital campaigns, and designing followed by redesigning. Then, on a Sunday in May 2010, a crowd gathered for the ground breaking and construction of a new church hall. Just over one year later, a dream has become brick and mortar reality. A new entry way that is A.D.A. compliant with restrooms and an enclosed carpeted ramp is in use. A new multi-purpose hall and modern commercial grade kitchen now stands. (As I write the Building Expansion Committee is working on finishing touches, making a performance platform for the hall, and acquiring equipment.)

Now on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. we will hold a long anticipated Worship Service and Dedication Event. Indeed, we have much to praise the Lord for that day. God has faithfully watched over us and guided us through this 1.8 million dollar project in a tough economic period. We have been blessed with many faithful and generous financial donors – and a talented Building Expansion Committee whose self-sacrifice in terms of innumerable hours to this project have made a dream a reality. Indeed we all owe a great debt of gratitude to our committee that has overseen this project: to Mark Ellis, our chairman; to Bill Chandler, who offered his expertise as an engineer; to Joe Gibson who brought his experiences as an electrician to the project; to Mike Kraynick, who managed the financial numbers; to Craig Law, who brought forward his expertise in heating and air-conditioning; to Frank Mizer, who shared insight into building codes and construction oversight; to Fred Ochs, who gave a daily watchful eye of the project; and to Craig Trautweiler, who managed the kitchen design and construction.

We are greatly indebted to Bob and Jeff Towlen for our irrigation system; to Wayne Odato for the tile work; and to Craig & Patrice Law of Brick Heating and Air-Conditioning for our ambient heating and air-conditioning systems. We are also grateful to Alan Trautweiler, Mike Slater and a number of volunteers who are building the platform that will be used for concerts, church school plays, etc., and Zach Slater and our music staff who will be advising us on sound systems and how to improve the acoustics of the new hall. We are also thankful for the input of our Kitchen supply sub-committee: Sue Avazier, Leroy Derrick, Mary Ann Stevens, Helga Schwedhelm, and Craig Trautweiler. We thank 3-D Group, our design-build contractor who turned paper plans into brick and mortar reality and Lindstrom for the site planning.

We were blessed the start by the support of Monmouth Presbytery and the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Foundation. Without the prayers, guidance and resources of these church bodies this project would not have been possible. We are thankful for the cooperation of Brick Township and Ocean County as we worked to comply with zoning and building codes, as-well-as needed permits, inspections and approvals. Neither let us forget our Building Expansion Fund Raising Committee of George Erickson, Linda Kathenes, Mary Ann Stevens, Bill Pfeil, Tim Towlen, and Judy Willbergh. Indeed, there are so many people to thank.

God has faithfully blessed us. God's people at Brick Church proved themselves faithful. A building has arisen from the ground. Praise God! Now we move forward to expanding our ministry to God's people for the glory of Jesus Christ. **Join us at 10 A.M. on June 26th for a Worship Celebration & Dedication.** See you there with us! *Pastor Doug*

WEAR RED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011

ACTS 2:1 & 3 tell us that "(1)When the day of Pentecost arrived, all the believers were gathered together in one place. (3) Then they saw what looked like the tongues of fire spreading out; and each person there was touched by a tongue." (*Good News for Modern Man*) As has been our custom for several years, we ask that all worshipers wear RED to church on June 12, 2011 to commemorate Pentecost. Please don't forget to show your Red.



Your Genetic Heritage Can Save a Life !



Make a difference and give the gift of hope of life & hope of a survival to someone. This is a mission to benefit the whole of society. Thousands of people with Leukemia & other life threatening diseases depend on the Bone Marrow Registry to save their life! All it takes is a cheek swab. ***You have the power to***

heal !

If you'd like to become a volunteer donor, the process is straightforward and simple. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good health can become a donor.

To learn more about this effort and become a life saving donor, come to the church on Sunday, June 5th at 3p.m. when the folks from the *Be The Match* program will be here to educate as well as register you to be part of this initiative. More detailed information is available on line at www.BeTheMatch.org. or bring your questions to the experts on June 5th.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL "PICNIC"



Traditional hot dogs with fixin's will be ready at 12 Noon on Wednesday, June 15 in Fellowship Hall. ALL women members and friends of the faith are invited. Please come, bring your friends, and a favorite picnic side dish to share - fruit, salad, or dessert. Beverage will be provided. We will have a short business meeting, an installation of elected officers, and share the results of our collection last time for Providence House. The regular offering at this gathering will be for "our own" Presbyterian mission worker, Mark Hare. This donation will go directly to help him in his ongoing work instill devastated Haiti. So, let's welcome the end of the season together before we adjourn till September. Don't forget! Bring yourself and a friend (or friends).

YOUTH RECOGNITION

Don't forget to join us on June 19th between services downstairs in Fellowship Hall for Youth Recognition Sunday. In addition to this being the last day of Church School for the year, Scholarships will be awarded and we will be recognizing youth for attendance, choirs, and Acolytes. **This is also the last day of Sunday School for the summer.**



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS



We will commence our Summer Worship Services on June 26, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The services will be held at this time through September 4, 2011. Weather permitting, there will be a service and picnic at Windward Beach on July 10, 2011 at 10:00 AM (no service at Brick Presbyterian Church, Drum Point Road). There will also be a service on the Front Lawn of the church on August 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM with refreshments following the service. Child care will be available for all the services, except for July 10, 2011.

CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR SUMMER SERVICES

A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish to provide child care during the Worship Services during the summer months. We expect that if you wish to avail yourself of this service, that you will wish to take your turn also. The sign-up sheet will be placed by the Child Care room. You don't need to have young children to enjoy working with them. Young people - Jr. and Sr. High School students will be welcomed also. The only requirement is that you enjoy children. Thank you for helping!



**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH @ 5:05 PM**



LAKWOOD BLUE CLAWS

The Fundraising Committee is now selling tickets for the Lakewood Blue Claws baseball game being held the evening of August 14th. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person. Look for our table in the Narthex for tickets and information. This promises to be a fun night for our church family, so please pencil in the date and check the church's website for updates.

We have committed to the purchase of 250 tickets, so please ask all your friends and family to come to the game as well! For an additional fundraising opportunity, we will be looking for volunteers, ages 18 and older, to work the concession stands at four Blue Claws games. The game dates are August 19, 20, 21, and 26. If we supply five people per night for all four nights (for a total of 20 volunteers), our church will receive **\$750.00** toward our building fund. Please help us meet this challenge while having fun, too! Look for further information in the Narthex or on the church's website (www.brickpresby.com).

T-Shirt and Sweatshirt Fundraiser

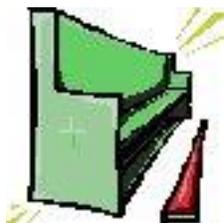


The Youth Groups are selling Brick Presbyterian Got Faith Sweatshirts for \$20.00 and T-Shirts for \$10.00 to raise funds to outfit the new kitchen. They will be in the Narthex in between services on Sundays if you would like to purchase some.

VBS 2011

The Christian Education Committee is tentatively planning Vacation Bible School for the week of July 25th through July 29th. It will be held from 10:00am until 12:00 noon. Volunteers are desperately needed in order to change it from tentative to definite. Please contact christianeducation@brickpresby.com if you have ANY amount of time to give.





The Deacons Bench

The Book of Order instructs deacons "to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith." Through the generosity of our church members and friends, we are able to accomplish that. You have faithfully helped us honor our mission.

To all of our "blood buddies", thank you for making this year's drive a success. The blood received will treat premature babies, burn and trauma victims, patients suffering from leukemia and other cancers, cardiac disease, and many other conditions that depend on blood products for recovery. You have shared the gift of life with those in need!

We are pleased to report that we are continuing to provide assistance to those living in Tent City in Lakewood. There is an ongoing need for simple provisions such as eggs and water. Through funds donated to the Board of Deacons, we have been able to respond to the need and hope to continue doing so in the months ahead.



Thank you, too, for your ongoing contributions to our food pantry. Our church was recognized once again by the Ladacin Network, a non-profit agency whose [mission](#) is to provide [education](#), [therapeutic](#), social, [residential](#) and [support services](#) for people with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities. Our congregation has faithfully provided food baskets to families supported by the Network for many years.



Your continuing donations to our military collection are bringing cheer to our service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. *To learn more about the impact, please see the Asbury Park Press article posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.*

Many of our faithful members and friends have found themselves in situations that make it difficult for them to participate with us in person at our church services and functions. Health complications or travel problems may prevent them from being with us. For those who cannot be physically with us, the deacons maintain contact through cards, phone calls, visits and the delivery of the floral arrangements that adorn our sanctuary on special holidays and at each Sunday service. Thank you for the support that allows us to carry out this ministry.

We are your messengers of God's care and love! To learn more about the work of the deacons, please feel free to check out the Deacons section on the website at <http://www.brickpresby.com>.

Any Crafty People Out There?

We use candles every Sunday in church. Those candles are never burned all the way down, so it seems a shame to throw them away. In the past, various people have taken them and melted them down to reuse the wax. Before we start throwing them away, we'd like to know if anyone might have a use for them – or know of someone who would. If you're interested, please contact the church office.

TUSCANY FUNDRAISER



As we head into summer the fundraising committee would like to invite the congregation to our final “restaurant” event until September. **On Monday and Tuesday, June 20th and 21st** we will be holding a fundraiser at **Tuscany’s Restaurant** on Route 88 in Brick. This is another great opportunity to support our church’s building fund and have a wonderful dinner as well. Tuscany will donate **20%** of your total check (including food and drinks) to our church. Gift cards are welcome. **The only items not included are the early bird specials.** You will need a flyer for this one, so please pick up a flyer in the Narthex or check the website (www.brickpresby.com) for more information. Our previous restaurant fundraisers have been great fellowship events, so if you’ve never attended one, please make it a point to meet your friends at Tuscany on June 20th and 21st. See you there! Thank you for supporting our last **four restaurant FUN-raisers!**

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat is still in need of many useful items which should be clean, usable, and crack free. The needed items are flatware (silverware), pots, pans, baking dishes, sets of dishes and dish towels. Small appliances are also welcomed; they too should be clean and in working order. The appliances needed are toasters, irons, can openers, toaster ovens and coffee pots. Please bring these items to church – a box will be provided in the Narthex. Habitat is no longer accepting bedding. If bringing these items to church is difficult, pick up service will be provided. Please contact the church office at 732-477-0676.



Thank you for making a difference!

The Mission Committee

Did You Know???



... that the money we donate to mission through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the mission worker, Mark Hare, who BPC sponsors, does make a positive difference. On Sunday, May 15th, Mark Hare gave a sermon titled “Watching in Hope,” at the Collingswood Presbyterian Church. Some of the Mission Committee members from BPC attended the service and the luncheon afterward. It was a privilege to meet and speak with our church sponsored missionary. How wonderful it is to hear that the work done with our money through these donations is seen first hand by Mark.

Mark Hare has been a mission co-worker for over 14 years. He and his wife, Jenny Bent, were married in 2008, in Nicaragua. Jenny is Nicaraguan and is trained in medical lab technology. Her expertise in medical lab technology made it possible for her to set up a medical lab at MPP’s Integrated Health Clinic in Haiti. Jenny is has also been training a local woman to work in the lab. Mark and Jenny have a young daughter, Keila, and they are expecting a second daughter. Mark has been serving as a mission worker in Haiti for over six years, now. He has seen the impact after the earthquake of January 2010, the devastation caused by the cholera epidemic in October, as well as the flooding caused by Hurricane Tomas in November. His work with MPP (Farmers Movement of Papaye) involves training small farmers in agricultural techniques that MPP is developing, as well as providing extension services for farmers, working with the farmers to find ways to overcome many of the limitations they face. Mark says that he believes that God’s abundance is always waiting to break through whenever and wherever we are willing to let it.

For more information, we encourage you to view Mark’s website and blog available through our church web site (under the “Mission” banner) or <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/hare-mark/>



Your Mission Committee

The Session Of
BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Invites You to Worship the Lord with Us
At the

Dedication of our New Church Hall & Kitchen

10:00 A.M. Sunday, June 26, 2011

At:

**Brick Presbyterian Church
111 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723**

Call us at: 732-477-0676



Visit us on the web at: www.brickpresby.com

(Refreshments will be served following the Dedication)

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.” - Psalm 127:1