

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Church Un-Decorating



The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to decorate and then undecorate our Church for Christmas. We are truly blessed to have such a hard-working team of congregants.



Worship Committee

Worship Committee Opportunities

Members are welcome to join in the work of providing meaningful Worship of God at BPC. A wide variety of responsibilities dedicated to Worship are shared among all committee members. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. **Contact Tom Fortier** at tfortier111@gmail.com or 848-333-2599.

We are looking for volunteers to clean and restock the pews at your convenience either after the service on Sunday or during the week. This would be a once a month commitment. Please contact Tom if you are able to help out.

Donation envelopes for 2024 are available in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you would like your envelopes mailed to you, please contact the church office or Karen Ellis at kjellis45@gmail.com or 732-232-1495.



DONATION ENVELOPES

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In times of inclement weather, especially during this winter season, or for other adverse conditions, the congregation is reminded to check the Church Website for closings, delays, and cancellations by going to www.brickpresby.com.

Reminder: Radio stations no longer announce weather-related closings, etc.



DEACONS CORNER

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Psalm 103:8



The love of our lord is ever present in the deeds of the Deacons of Brick Presbyterian church thanks to the devotion and support of our congregation.

In November the Deacons received roughly 1,489 lbs of food from generous donations from our parishioners, the Boy Scouts, Brick Elks, Cherry Quay Association, and Brick Schools. These generous donations were used to supply food to 30 families weekly at our Food Pantry.

In January the Deacons prepared 40 boxes of food for families of students in the Brick Township School District and 19 boxes for families of students at Ladacin. Additionally, each family was given a \$25 Shoprite gift card. The Deacons wanted to make sure these families had a little something extra after the excitement of the holiday season passed. This was a massive undertaking and was only possible thanks to the generosity of our church.

As we build the food pantry back up after the holidays the Deacons Food Pantry wish lists include:

- **Soups:** cream of chicken and chicken broth
- **Canned Goods:** canned chili, spam, baked beans, yams, potatoes, chickpeas and fruit
- **Packaged Goods:** brownie mix, cake mix, cornbread mix, mashed potatoes, ramen noodles, crackers and granola bars
- **Dog/Cat Food:** (small Portions)
- **Beverages:** coffee

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ***Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet from Stop & Shop*** in January. Your purchase helped the Brick Presbyterian Church feed those in need in our community. For every bouquet you purchased, the Deacons received \$1 to be put towards the food pantry.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Looking forward to March, please check your calendar and consider signing up to donate blood on **March 19, 2024**, from 2:00-7:00 pm. Each donation helps to save lives!



FUNDRAISING NEWS



950 Cedar Bridge Avenue, Brick, NJ 08723
732.451.1111

Dine To Donate at Manera's Restaurant

To support BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dates: Tuesday, January 30²⁰²⁴
and Tuesday, February 6^{th 2024}

Reservations are encouraged.

Enjoy Lunch, Early Bird Specials, Dinner or Take Out

Lunch 12pm – 3:00pm
Early Bird 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Dinner 4:00pm to 8:00pm

BYOB
OR ENJOY A GLASS OF
WINE FROM
SHARROTT WINERY

**PLEASE PRESENT THIS FLYER TO
YOUR SERVER.
15% WILL BE DONATED TO
BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Enjoy our latest Restaurant
Fundraiser at the
outstanding MANERA'S in
Brick!**

**Watch for more of our
favorite Fundraising events
in the coming months!**

Hymnal Dedications and Memorial Bricks



Please remember our ongoing fundraisers – Hymnal Dedications and Memorial Bricks, both of which are available throughout the year. These two memorials are a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one or to commemorate a special date or event!



Please see a Fundraising Committee member for order forms for either of these memorial options.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will be collected at BPC on **March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)**.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



CHURCH SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

Valentine cards will be created by the Church School students and distributed by the Deacons.

Do you know a student between the ages of PreK and eighth grade? Encourage them to join us for Church School. For further information see *Lorrie Haluza* or call the church office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION - *Looking for adult volunteers*

- The Nursery needs childcare help one Sunday a month, 8:45-9:45 or 9:45-10:45 am.
- Church School needs assistants one Sunday a month or more.



For further information, see Lorrie Haluza or call the church office 732-477-0676.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABILITY



ATTENTION high school church members who will graduate June of 2024: The Scholarship Letter of Application will be available starting February 4th. The deadline for receipt of scholarship award applications is April 7. See Jill Moberg, Lorrie Haluza, or call the church office.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

HANDS ON MISSION GROUP

Ladies,

February is National Heart Month! If you would like to make **RED BOOTIES** or **PREEMIE HATS** for babies, it would be greatly appreciated. Lori Evans has directions if needed.



Also, let's continue making **RED PRAYER SQUARES!**

Anyone who would like to make some **TEDDY BEARS** for Baptisms, please see Lori. Thank you for all your help!

LARRY'S HOME UPDATE



Just Believe Inc
Restoring Hope In Humanity

Thank you to our church family for your contributions of \$1,215 for Larry's Home.



On December 17th, a check and the display used to collect the donations were presented by Elaine Salto to Paul Hulse, President/CEO of Just Believe Inc., the sponsor of Larry's Home. Still in the planning stages, Larry's Home will be a transitional housing facility to support individuals struggling with homelessness and assist them in overcoming any barriers in reentering community living.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD?

SHINE BRIGHT!

As of December 31st, 46 pledges have been received.
If you have not already returned your pledge card, it is not too late.

You may place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, or send it by mail.

Thank you to all who have returned your pledge cards!





PER CAPITA

“Per Capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC(USA) because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church.”

***– J. Herbert Nelson, II,
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA)***

Per Capita Supports Our Common Good

Our \$40 Per Capita contribution per member connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations, our Presbytery of the Coastlands, and other mid councils with the work of the wider church. As the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA), it is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.

Per Capita giving makes it possible for:

- Presbyterians to discern and live out God’s call in their lives
- Churches to connect with individuals seeking a call to ministry
- Staff support for General Assembly committees and commissions
- Management and coordination of General Assembly gatherings
- Presbytery and synod leaders to gather for training and discernment
- Counsel and support for churches in crisis (misconduct, legal matters)
- Presbyteries to address matters of inclusion, participation, and representation at all levels of church leadership and decision-making
- The denomination to build connections with ecumenical partners around the world
- Presbyteries and pastors to receive support on immigration issues
- Presbyterian history to be cataloged, preserved, and utilized by future generations

If you have not already done so, members may make a single \$40 payment or a series of installment payments.

Kindly indicate that your contribution is for Per Capita.





HELP NEEDED

Updated for February

Are you looking for another way to share your time and talents in praise of the Glory of God?

The church needs volunteers because as the Bible states, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." 1 Corinthians 12:26

*This column will list the current needs of various BPC groups and committees, as submitted by the group leaders. **Here are a few of the wonderful opportunities available at BPC –***

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Fundraising Committee – Seeking new members to join our fun, energetic group. Are you interested? If so, contact Linda Kathenes (848-333-5119, JLin52@comcast.net) or Lynn Mizer (732-966-6240, lmizer@comcast.net).

The Hands On Mission Group/Outreach – Volunteers are wanted to work on some easy, fun, craft and sewing projects, such as teddy bears for Baptisms. Prayer squares (crochet or knit) which will be placed in the Brick Hospital Chapel & Shorrock Nursing Home are always needed. All projects may be done at home. Contact Coordinator Lori Evans at lmegolfer@gmail.com.

Bell Choir - Bell Ringers are needed. Practices are held weekly on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., and the Bells play during Worship on the 4th Sunday of each month. If interested in joining this music ministry, see Bonnie Luton or call the church office at 732-477-0676.

Communications Committee - Deacon Michael Caneloro is looking for assistance with the communications of our live feed from Sunday's Service. Please contact him if you're available at email michael.caneloro55@gmail.com.



If you are a group leader and need volunteers, simply email your info to bpcnewsletter111@gmail.com before the 15th of the month, to be included here next month.

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Donation Envelopes for 2024 are available
- Scholarship Applications available - 2/4
- OGHS Offering received - 3/24
- Scholarship Applications DUE - 4/7



See the [Events tab](#) on the BPC web site for further details.



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Please Note!

The Good Tidings newsletter is sent monthly to the BPC family via Constant Contact email. ***If you know of any members not currently receiving Constant Contact mailers, please have them notify the church office with their email address so they can receive future mailings.***

The Good Tidings is also available in condensed PDF format (with no personal info) on the church website.

We will continue with worship services online as well as live-streaming in the Sanctuary – please join us! These services are also on our website in case you miss one and would like to go back and watch.

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