

Good Tidings

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First, a practical word of caution:

Some of you have received texts or emails that say they are from me and ask for money, specifically in the form of gift cards. These solicitations are fraudulent. I will never ask you to send me money in this manner. Please report these messages to your email or cell phone carrier and then delete them. Do not reply to or engage with them. Do check the phone number or the email address that it comes from and compare it to my true contact information. If you do get one of these messages, please let me know so that I can be on alert. I thank you.

Second, a word of inspiration:

You may be familiar with the **Serenity Prayer**, written by **Reinhold Niebuhr**, often used in 12-Step Programs:

“God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference...”

But did you know that prayer continues:

“...living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
taking this world as it is and not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.”

This whole prayer, introduced to me by a dear Sister in Christ, has meant so much to me over the years. One thing that I have noticed in using this prayer is that it begins with “God grant me...” and ends with “...with You forever...” In other words, before, during, and after all thought, feeling, experience, or action, “I” begins and ends in God. We are not alone in any of the ebbs and flows of life. Easter-tide is an especially precious time to savor this mindful spiritual practice. Lean into this truth, my friends, and be at peace.

Pastor Kristie

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th, Agape Meal in the FLC at 6:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m. - Chancel will be stripped during the service

Easter Service, March 31st, 10:00 a.m.

As usual, all services will be live-streamed as well as in person.

FUNDRAISING NEWS



Brownstone Pancake Factory will be hosting a fundraiser for us on Friday, April 12, from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m. at their restaurant in Brick. They will donate 15% of your check to BPC when you present a flyer for either dining in or take-out. Flyers are available from the Fundraising Committee.

Old Monmouth Candy Bars – We will continue to sell candy bars from Old Monmouth. The bars sell for \$2.00 each and come in 5 different varieties.



Upcoming Fundraisers

Cinco de Mayo – The Fundraising Committee is planning a Cinco de Mayo event on **May 3**. Mark your calendar and watch for details.

Mothers' Day Flowers – Look for details on our annual Mothers' Day Flower sale in May.

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



CHURCH SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

- Students- Please return your OGHS FISH BANKS by **April 7th**.



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- **On Palm Sunday, a wonderful Palm Sunday Drama** was performed by Church School students and older youth.
 - A fun Easter Event, **the Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed** by the young people!
 - **Easter cards were created** by the Church School students and distributed by the Deacons.

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- **Students, aged K through 8th grade, are welcome to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00.**

If you need further information, contact Lorrie Haluza 732-477-0676 or by email at:

bpcsundayschool111@gmail.com

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

ALL HANDS ON DECK!



Brick Presbyterian Church will be hosting the next Presbyterian Women's Gathering on Saturday, April 20! We need as many volunteers (**women and men**) as possible to provide stellar hospitality to our sisters from across the Presbytery of the Coastlands.

Some of the volunteer tasks include: welcome and direct attendees; staff check-in table; provide dessert; serve food; set up/clean up; run the dishwasher; facilitate the A/V equipment.

Please see Elaine Salto to volunteer on April 20 or if you are **interested in resurrecting** a Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle here at BPC. Email Elaine at sewinglady.salto145@gmail.com or phone: 732-477-6332.

HANDS ON MISSION GROUP



Let's keep those Prayer Squares coming in! You're doing such a wonderful job!

With Spring here and in full swing, let's use some bright, beautiful colors. Thank you for your help.

Lori Evans, Coordinator

DO YOU HAVE EYEGASSES YOU NO LONGER USE?



For years, our congregation supported New Eyes for the Needy, Inc. by donating used eyeglasses and jewelry. We have learned that they are no longer accepting eyeglasses but prefer monetary donations.

Recognizing that we have received many donations of eyeglasses through the years, we remain committed to accepting donations which will be donated to Lions International, a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness since 1925. Volunteers process donated glasses for distribution through medical missions around the world. Please note that sunglasses are NO LONGER being accepted.



Please look for the donation container in the narthex. Thank you!

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING



For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That is why the **CWS Blankets** program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Each blanket costs only \$10 but can be a vital and powerful resource for someone needing a little support, warmth, and encouragement. To a homeless person, a refugee parent or an earthquake survivor, a blanket is a practical gift which is a reminder that someone cares about them. It's like a hug made from cloth.

Help us blanket the world with love by donating to this special offering which will be taken on Mother's Day, May 12th.

If you would like to make a compassionate gift in honor of someone for Mother's Day or Father's Day, cards will be available in the narthex on April 28th and May 5th.



HELP NEEDED

Updated for April

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 –***

Communications Committee - Deacon Michael Candeloro 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.candeloro55@gmail.com.

Worship Committee - 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.

Church School - Looking for adult volunteers for the Nursery, one Sunday a month, 8:45-9:45 or 9:45-10:45 am. Also, Church School needs assistants one Sunday a month or more. For further information, see Lorrie Haluza or call the church office 732-477-0676.

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.



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

- Maundy Thursday Agape Meal - 3/28
- Good Friday service - 3/29
- Holy Saturday Silent Campfire Vigil - 3/30
- Easter Egg Hunt - 3/31
- Youth Group Bake Sale - 3/31
- Scholarship Applications deadline - 4/7
- CS students' Fish Banks due - 4/7
- Brownstone Pancake Factory Restaurant Fundraiser - 4/12
- Presbyterian Women's Gathering - 4/20
- Cinco de Mayo Event - 5/3
- Blanket Sunday Offering - 5/12



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



SPECIAL DAY IN APRIL



4/22



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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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,
Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
NEW MERCIES I SEE.
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided.
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,
Lord, unto me!