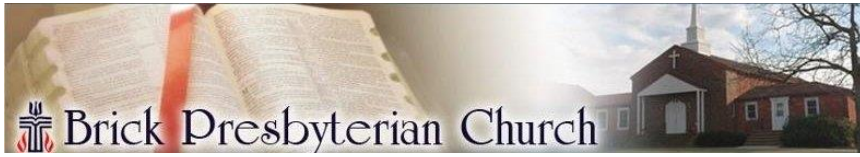


# Good Tidings

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## DEACON'S CORNER

The Brick Presbyterian Church Deacons continue to support the community through generous food donations to our local schools, support of the BPC food pantry, and various donations to Pastor Steve as he serves those in our larger community. If this sounds like something you would like to be part of, the Deacons are always looking for helping hands, especially help with the food pantry.

We would like to extend an **Invitation To Help** to the members of our congregation as well as to the members of our community. God calls each of us to different things, and if you know of anyone who has a spiritual calling to help, please reach out to any of the Brick Presbyterian Deacons and we will connect you with the right person.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."* Margaret Mead

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



### **CHURCH SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD**

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

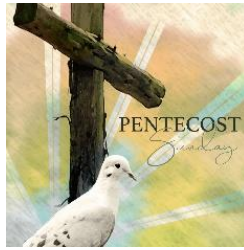
For further information, contact Lorrie Haluza at 732-477-0676 or by email

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*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Matthew 6:33

## WORSHIP NEWS



**Pentecost Sunday is May 19.**  
Remember to wear **RED** for Pentecost.

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## FUNDRAISING NEWS

A colorful poster for a Cinco de Mayo event. The background is orange with confetti. At the top, "CINCO DE MAYO" is written in large, bubbly letters. Below it, "AT BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" is written in a curved banner. The poster features illustrations of a man playing a violin, a woman playing a guitar, and a mariachi band. In the center, there is an illustration of a mariachi accordion. Text on the poster includes: "IN THE FLC FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ADVANCED TICKETS CALL (732) 477-0676". At the bottom, there is a section for "3rd MAY Dinner Served 5 - 8pm" with a trumpet illustration. To the right, it says "\*\*Take Out Available\*\* Tacos / Quesadillas" with a guitar illustration. Below that, it lists "Beef; Chicken; Vegetarian With Toppings Plus Beverages and Desserts". At the very bottom, it shows "Tickets" with a price list: "Adults \$17 Kids 3-10 \$12 Kids Under 3 Free".

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### ***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.

## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

We are marching again this year! We will meet in back of Joe Canal's Discount Liquor Outlet on Route 70 at 8:30 a.m. on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Some of us will ride, and there will be walkers. We need small wrapped candy to throw. Let's have fun!



Lori Evans

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## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – THANK YOU!**

*In this, the 75th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing, we want to extend a special thank you to our congregation for your donations totaling \$1,220.27.*



Your contributions will support the Presbyterian ministries which combat hunger, provide assistance after disaster strikes, and work with sustainable community development. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

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## **BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING**



When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response makes a difference. That is why the CWS (Church World Service) Blankets and Kits program was created—to remind someone facing a challenging time that they are not alone. Caring donors ensure that someone who needs comfort not only receives a warm blanket and other supplies they might need; they are given unconditional kindness, respect, dignity and love.

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 May 5th.)

*The CWS Blankets program is all about sharing love. Through this simple act of kindness, amazing things can happen.*

## **HANDS ON MISSION GROUP**



Ladies, we are running out of *Prayer Squares for the hospital*. Summer is coming and the weather will be getting warmer, so let's get out the knitting needles and crochet hooks! Let's try to use some spring and summer colors, and HAVE FUN! Thank you.

Lori Evans, Coordinator

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## **PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING**



Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life.

The Pentecost Offering, one of our denomination's four churchwide Special Offerings, supports ministries with children, youth and young adults in our community, across the nation and around our world. As you give to this important Offering, remember that 40% of your gift remains in our church to support ministries with younger people in our community as we choose. The remainder of your Offering is forwarded to the denomination so that young adults can form a foundation for their lives through a year of service in the Young Adult Volunteer Program; youth can be among the 5,000-plus having mountaintop experiences in worship, play and faith formation at events like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; and children can receive educational support through the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative.

**By giving to the Pentecost Offering on May 19th, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. Please give generously.**

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- Cinco De Mayo Event - 5/3
- Blanket Sunday Offering - 5/12
- Pentecost Sunday - Wear RED - 5/19
- Memorial Day Parade - 5/27

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



## **HELP NEEDED**

**Updated for May**

*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 –***

**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 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](mailto:lmegolfer@gmail.com).



**If you are a group leader and need volunteers, simply email your info to [bpcnewsletter111@gmail.com](mailto: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**

## SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY



5/12



5/19



5/27



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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