

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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SUMMER WORSHIP



We hope you will continue to worship with us this summer. We will be having our service at 10:00 a.m. in the FLC for a more informal service. We, of course, will still live stream.



BPC will have an outdoor worship service on **Sunday, August 18th at 10:00 a.m.** at **Cherry Quay Beach, Port Rd., Brick**. Directions will be available. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, an announcement will be made to move the service to the FLC.

The Worship committee is hosting the **coffee hour for this service at Cherry Quay Beach**, immediately following worship.

MEMORIAL BRICK ORDERS



BUY A BRICK FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

Now Is the Time to Order

An order will be going in for the brick memorials. Now is the time to order if you want to have a brick in the walkway for the prayer garden. It is the perfect way to remember a cherished loved one or to celebrate an important event. We only can do this a few times a year, when we have enough orders. We are now taking orders so there will be no wait time. *If you need an order form, please see Lynn Mizer or Linda Kathenes.*

HANDS ON MISSION GROUP

Great News!



We have permission to do our prayer square ministry at Weatherhead and Young Funeral Home. We will be needing lots of prayer squares, now that we have Brick Hospital as well as Weatherhead and Young. Please keep knitting and crocheting to support these wonderful mission activities. Thank you for all you do.

Lori Evans, Coordinator

EXCITING NEW FUNDRAISER

Dear BPC Community,

The fundraising committee of Brick Presbyterian Church is always looking for new ideas to organize fundraising activities so we can raise funds to help supplement new and ongoing projects in our church.



We have a new Fundraiser and our main cause for this Fundraiser is to renew our central AC system in our church.

We have partnered up with **Funding Factory, the leading recycle fundraiser whose mission is to recycle and remanufacture used toner and inkjet cartridges.** Funding Factory was founded in 1997 and together with their participants they have helped keep over 43.3 million pounds of items out of landfills and give these items the second life that they deserve, while organizations like us also earn money.

How does this fundraiser work?

- ***Donate your used Toner and Inkjet cartridges to our church*** rather than throwing them out and keeping the Earth green by recycling.
- ***We have placed a black bin on the table in the hallway in front of the FLC, with a sign that says "Recycle your cartridges".*** Please make sure that your cartridges are undamaged and have not been previously remanufactured.

What if you, family, and friends would like to support our Fundraiser, but you don't live nearby, or you're from out of state? Or maybe you're a business owner?

No problem at all, you can still support our cause.

Steps to do that are as follows:

1. Go to the website of Funding Factory (<https://www.fundingfactory.com>)
2. Click on the Business tab (<https://www.fundingfactory.com/business-support.aspx>)
3. Under Support an organization near and dear to you, you will see a search box. Type in the search box: Brick Presbyterian Church
4. Our Fundraiser will then pop up (**our ID# 433771**) and you then click on "Support This Cause"
5. Next you click on "Become an individual Supporter" or "Become a Business Supporter"
6. You will have to enter your Name and email address (and company info if you have a Business)
7. Go to the qualifying list and look if your items qualify to be shipped to Funding Factory
8. Funding Factory will send you a shipping label if you have a minimum of 20 items or if they weigh 20 lbs. (whichever comes first). Just follow the steps on how to print shipping labels.

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What not to send:

Funding Factory does not accept Toner tubes. Toner tubes are normally found in copy machines and are long and hollow, plastic cylinders that hold toner. The tubes do not qualify and cannot be recycled through this program.

Examples of Toner Tubes, which DO NOT qualify:



Pictures of what Toner Cartridges may look like, which DO qualify:



Pictures of what Inkjet Cartridges may look like, which DO qualify:



Please support our cause and tell your family, friends, neighbors, employers, and anyone who has Toner and Inkjet Cartridges that they are throwing away, to instead donate them to our worthy cause!

Thank you for your (continued) support !!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS 2024

Camp Firelight

WHO: Kids of ALL ages - Age 4 to 94!

WHERE: in the Family Life Center

WHEN: Beginning Sunday 7/21/2024 at 12:15pm
(following worship and the Church Family barbecue in the
Family Life Center)

Then running consecutive evenings:

Mon - Thursday, 7/22 - 7/25

5:30 pm - Camp Supper

6-7:30 pm - Camp Action

Interested in Volunteering??

Contact Christy Tompkins, 732-691-5921.



BELL CHOIR NEWS



The Bell Choir is looking for a few additional members to help us as we resume ringing in September. A musical background is not required, and we provide all needed training.

If you are interested in joining our fun, friendly group, please speak with **Bonnie Luton** (our "Ringleader") or any member of the Bell Choir. We meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to practice for about an hour, and we typically play during Worship on the fourth Sunday of each month.

We hope you will join us!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BPC FOOD PANTRY



Our team is thankful for the very generous donations and continued support from our church family and community. For a list of our most needed items, check the sign in table in the Narthex or keep an eye out for it on Constant Contact.

We are always in need of volunteers! Our hours of operation are Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm, but we will accept assistance any day of the week. Some of the food pantry duties include checking expiration dates, stocking shelves, assisting on delivery day (2nd Tuesday of every month in the morning) and occasionally picking up a delivery. Please call Sandy Alho at (732) 948-6447 if interested.

Our mission would not be possible without the support and commitment of all our past and present volunteers. Thank you!

Our current BPC Pantry team members are:

Debbie Johnson
Bill Bixenman
Judy Pesce
Mike Kraynick

Beverly Jones
Marty Haluza
Irene Porter
Gary Tutzauer

Sue Britton
Tom Fortier
Lance Eriksen
Sandy Alho



THANK YOU

Your gifts of \$541 for the **Church World Service Blanket Sunday special offering** gives a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Thank you!



Your donations in the amount of \$470 for the **Pentecost Special Offering** nurture the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. Of the total donated, \$282 has been forwarded through the Presbytery of the Coastlands for youth programs and \$188 has been retained for a youth-oriented endeavor within our church. Thank you!



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group This Summer!



BPC Youth Group is still in swing! This summer we will have several opportunities to engage your faith and have some fun at the same time!

After the worship service, anyone and everyone is welcome to create their own fun in Towlen Grove. Tether Ball and a new GaGa Pit, picnic benches and fire pits are all now available. *(Fire pits are to be used by adults only.)* A teepee will be erected soon too!

Tom, Debbie, and Ryan Fortier will be hosting the youth group for a **COOKOUT AND SUNSET BOAT RIDE** on **Tuesday, June 25** from **6:00 - 9:00 (ish) p.m.** Parents are asked to bring kids to the Fortier's home.

Christy Tompkins will be hosting a **COOKOUT AND POOL PARTY** on **Sunday, July 28** from **6:00 - 8:00 (ish) p.m.** Parents are asked to bring kids to the Tompkins home.

RSVP is required to attend these events. Please call Pat in the office 732-477-0676 or email Brick.Presbyterian@verizon.net to sign up.

Questions? Call Pastor Kristie at 434-610-4032 or email PastorKristieMiles@gmail.com .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Printer cartridges fundraiser - Ongoing
- Vacation Bible School - 7/21-7/25
- YG Cookout & Pool Party - 7/28
- Outdoor worship service at Cherry Quay Beach - 8/18



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



HELP NEEDED

Updated for July & August

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 Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., and the Bells play during Worship on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining this music ministry, please contact Bonnie Luton or the church office at 732-477-0676.

Communications Committee - We are looking for someone to volunteer as our camera person ONE Sunday a month (4th Sunday – Healing Service) so that Katie – our usual camera person - can walk around with a mobile camera for different shots. It's an easy process and we'll be happy to show you how! Simply seek out any Communications Committee member before or after the Worship service, or call the church office.

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.

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.



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**



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.

SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY & AUGUST

CONGRATULATIONS!

***Our Church Family Celebrates Our Staff
and Their Employment Anniversary***

Pat Loboda, Administrative Assistant,
will be starting her 9th year in July.



Congratulations, Pat, and THANK YOU for all you do!



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