

# Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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## WANTED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

From Pastor Kristie

A colorful poster for an annual school supply drive. The central text is on a green chalkboard background. The text reads: "ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE", "Hosted by the Mayor's Student Advisory", "AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 31", "DROP OFF: TOWN HALL", "M-F 8AM - 4:30PM", and "\*NEW ITEMS ONLY\*". The poster is decorated with illustrations of school supplies like a crayon box, glue, a clock, a magnifying glass, and a laptop. Below the chalkboard, it says "HELP BRICK STUDENTS BY GIVING THE GIFT OF LEARNING". At the bottom, it lists the items needed: Backpacks, Lunch Bags, Folders, Pencils/Pens, Crayons, Markers, Erasers, Glue Sticks, Scissors, Pencil Cases & Sharpeners, Highlighters, Dry Erase Markers, Construction Paper, Notebooks, 1" Binders, Ear Buds, Tissues, Hand Sanitizer & Clorox Wipes. Contact information for Township of Brick is provided at the bottom: 732-262-1053, 401 Chambers Bridge Rd., and bwhite@bricktownship.net.

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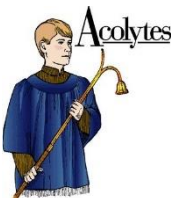
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## LOOKING FOR ACOLYTES



The Worship committee is looking for acolytes. Boys and girls in grades 3-6 are welcome to participate. Contact Tom Fortier at [tfortier111@gmail.com](mailto:tfortier111@gmail.com) or 848-333-2599 if you would like to help.

## **FUNDRAISING NEWS**

### **RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER**



**LongHorn Steakhouse**  
**Rt. 70 in Lakewood, across from Costco**



**Tuesday & Wednesday, September 17 & 18**  
**Available all day**  
**Dine-in only**  
**10% of all food purchases will be donated to BPC.**

You can pick up your necessary flyer at church. You may also text Lynn Mizer at 732-966-6240 if you need a flyer or call for further information.

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### ***Mum Sale***

The sale will take place **September 21 & 22.**

**Prepaying is available!**



If prepaid, we can reserve your mums so you don't miss out. We ran out of certain colors last year, so make sure you prepay and reserve the colors you want. Visit the fundraising table to reserve your mums.

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### ***Boscov's Coupon Sale***



Coupons are going on sale now for \$5.00, and that will entitle you to 25% off most items.

**October 22, 2024 is the day of the sale, and you can shop from 8am – 11pm.**

There are a few restrictions, such as, some items have 15% or 10% off, but everything is listed on the back of the coupons.

Stop by the fundraising table to purchase your Boscov's Coupon.

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### ***Ink Cartridges Fundraiser***

**Ink cartridges are being collected on the table outside the FLC.** Easy way to recycle your used cartridges and help our church with our fundraiser. We will accept all inkjet printer cartridges.



## *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!



Order forms can be found on the BPC website, or visit the fundraising table.

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## **PRAYER SQUARES NEEDED**

Hi Ladies,

It's time to start knitting or crocheting prayer squares for the Deacons to place in the Thanksgiving food baskets. While there's still plenty of time, they will be needed by the second week in November.



Also, we have been seeing some newcomers attending worship which is wonderful. Let's get a basket to place near the door of the FLC and fill it with Prayer Squares for our new friends. If anyone needs yarn, we can make a trip to Michael's; just let us know. Thank you for all your help!

Lori Evans, Mission Coordinator

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## **SPECIAL OFFERING**



**On World Communion Sunday in the beginning of October, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation.**

Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved, and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world.

Through participation in the **Peace & Global Witness Offering on October 13th**, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world.

## **LARRY'S HOME**



*Photo from Doug Hood, Asbury Park Press*



## **LARRY'S HOME UPDATE**

In December, Paul Hulse, President/CEO of Just Believe Inc., the sponsor of Larry's Home for struggling homeless veterans, was presented with a financial gift from our church family. After two years of working to put together a plan to build on land donated by the Leary Family and raising \$100,000 in donations along with a \$292,000 loan from Manasquan Bank, ground was broken in Little Egg Harbor on August 15th.

Larry's Home will house as many as six veterans. Each will go through a three-step screening process before getting into the home and will get up to twelve months as a resident. There will be weekly team meetings and goals to be met monthly with each veteran. Unless prevented by disability, each resident will be expected to have employment or volunteer in the community. The ultimate goals are to acclimate veterans back into society and to live soberly.

***We rejoice with Just Believe Inc. as it celebrates this milestone!***

***To learn more about Just Believe Inc., visit [justbelieveinc.org](http://justbelieveinc.org).***

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- School Supplies Drive - ends 8/31
- Printer cartridges fundraiser - Ongoing
- Boscov's Coupons on sale now
- LongHorn Restaurant fundraiser - 9/17 & 18
- Mum Sale - 9/21 & 22
- Peace & Global Witness Offering - 10/13
- Boscov's Coupon Sale event - 10/22



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

## **CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH!**

***Let's revive a Presbyterian Women's (PW) Circle at BPC!***



"Presbyterian Women, Inc., is the women's organization in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We are a community of more than 200,000 women who participate in Presbyterian Women (PW) and align our ministry and hearts around a shared purpose, the PW Purpose.

"Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

"These commitments are lovingly carried out in Presbyterian Women groups in congregations, presbyteries and synods. At the national level, Presbyterian Women provides the resources, direction and opportunities to fulfill the organization's mission and ministry. Presbyterian Women's connective structure allows you to participate as deeply and/or broadly in the organization and its commitments as you wish."

(From <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/who-we-are/> )

Please contact Elaine Salto at [sewinglady.salto145@gmail.com](mailto:sewinglady.salto145@gmail.com) or 732-477-6332 for more information.

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**9/2**



**9/11**



**9/22**





## **HELP NEEDED**

**Updated for September**

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 –**

**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).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:JLin52@comcast.net)) or Lynn Mizer (732-966-6240, [lmizer@comcast.net](mailto:lmizer@comcast.net)).



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**



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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