

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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DEACONS CORNER

The BPC Holiday Food Drive Is Underway



As the holiday season quickly approaches, the Deacons would like to stock the shelves of our food pantry to provide those in need with all the food items necessary to enjoy a nutritious homecooked meal.

We are asking all who are able, to fall into the spirit of giving by donating food items to the Brick Presbyterian Church's Food Bank.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Our Veterans Day service will take place **November 10th** at 10:00 a.m. We will recognize our Veterans with patriotic songs and a short sermon. Hope to see you there!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



There will be envelopes placed in the church pews starting **November 24 through December 15, 2024** to donate for Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones.

Please consider donating to beautify our church for Christmas. Thank you.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT



The Worship Committee is asking for your help!

We will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas after the worship service on **November 24th**. We have several trees to decorate and other decorations including the Manger outside.

Please consider giving 30 minutes of your time to make our church festive for the holiday season.

God Bless you and thank you for your help!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our Thanksgiving Pies are on sale NOW!



Stop by the Fundraising table and pick up your order form. Orders must be received **no later than 11/19**.

If you should need an order form emailed, please call Lynn 732-966-6240 or Linda 848-333-5119.



BIG NEWS! Seafood Dinner on November 8

SHRIMP AND SCALLOP DINNER
CHICKEN AVAILABLE FOR LAND LOVERS
BYOB!
November 8th, 2024
Brick Presbyterian Church
Family life center
\$18/Per person
111 Drum Point RD, Brick, NJ, 08723
DINNER SERVED BETWEEN 5-7PM
For tickets call:
Lynn 732-966-6240
or
Linda 848-333-5119
Take-out orders available- with ticket
No tickets sold after November 6th



Ink cartridges collection is still an on-going project.

So, bring them in and deposit them in the designated black trash can at the entry to the FLC.

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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group Upcoming Events:

- **Youth Group Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 3rd from 6-8pm.**
- **Parents Night Out! Saturday, Nov. 16th from 6-9pm.** Need an evening out without the Kids? BPC Youth Group has you covered! Drop your children off at Brick Presbyterian Church (Family Life Center) while our Senior Youth Group and Staff entertain your kids while you go out! Tickets \$20 per child and includes: Pizza and snacks, Games/Activities, Music and more! Please RSVP by Nov. 11th.
- **Bake Sale: Sunday, Nov. 24th directly after worship.** Support the Youth Group's Angel Wings Project by purchasing some of our tasty treats! Will be a great addition to anyone's Thanksgiving Day plans!
- **Christmas Cookie Baking: Sunday, 12/8 from 11am-2pm.**
- **Lock-In / Angels Wings Project: Friday, Dec. 13th - Saturday, Dec. 14th.** Looking for volunteers to Chaperone.
- **Gift Wrapping Fundraiser: Sunday, 12/15 from 11am-3pm.** Have Holiday gifts that need wrapping? Please consider stopping by the Family Life Center where the Youth Group will be wrapping for donations. All paper, bows and bags will be provided.



For any questions regarding these events, please contact Sharon Thomas @ 732.858.4340 or stvocals@yahoo.com.



PRAYER SQUARES NEEDED



The deacons will be making Christmas baskets soon. Let's knit or crochet our **Prayer Squares** using festive Christmas colors! Also, we need more squares for the hospital. If you need yarn, please let me know. **Thank you!**

Lori Evans, Coordinator



DO YOU HAVE UNUSED EYEGLASSES?



We are accepting donations of eyeglasses 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 look for the donation container in the narthex. (Please note that sunglasses are not accepted.)
Thank you!***

FROM STEWARDSHIP & BENEVOLENCE

A Story of Generosity



*For God so loved
the world that
he gave...*

John 3:16

We hope that you received the mailing sharing the story of God's love to us and the ways in which Brick Presbyterian Church shares God's gifts to us to support our church family and to bring the message of God's faithfulness, provision, and hope to our community – locally, nationally and globally.

We are God's partners as we strive to faithfully use and share our gifts. We give glory to God for our many blessings. As the words of the doxology remind us:

*We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.*

We are grateful to partner with God and with you in ministry and invite you to prayerfully consider how you can partner with God and with us as we look forward to 2025.

What is God calling you to do with the resources you have been blessed with? How can your gifts serve as an act of worship and further the work of Christ through Brick Presbyterian Church?

Please return the Planned Giving card to the church on any Sunday or by mail. We will have a dedication of the cards received on *Generosity Sunday, November 24th.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Printer cartridges fundraiser - Ongoing
- Thanksgiving Pies on sale now
- YG meeting - 11/3
- Seafood Dinner event - 11/8
- Veterans Day Service - 11/10
- Parents Night Out - 11/16
- Thanksgiving Pie orders due date - 11/19
- Christmas flower donation envelopes available - 11/24-12/15
- Church decorating - 11/24
- YG Bake Sale - 11/24
- Generosity Sunday - 11/24
- Thanksgiving Pies pickup date - 11/26
- Christmas cookie baking 12/8
- YG Lock-In - 12/13-14
- Annual Cookie Sale - 12/14
- YG Gift Wrapping event - 12/15



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



SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER



11/3



11/11



11/28





HELP NEEDED

Updated for November

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 –**

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).

Communications Committee - We are looking for someone to volunteer as our camera person ONE Sunday a month (4th Sunday) 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.

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 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.

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.



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



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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