

# Good Tidings

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## DEACONS CORNER



The Deacons of Brick Presbyterian church would like to wish the entire congregation a joyous Fall. As the weather gets cooler and the sun sets earlier, the Deacons have been busy running the annual Blood Drive, collecting food for the food bank, sending cards, and visiting homebound congregation members.

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 home-cooked meal. ***We are asking all those who are able, to fall into the spirit of giving by donating mashed potatoes, gravy, and stuffing*** to the Brick Presbyterian Church's Food Bank during the month of October.

***Please share what you can and remember, no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted!***

## PRAYER SQUARES NEEDED

Hi Friends,

Let's remember to keep those PRAYER SQUARES coming in. We need them for our deacons' Thanksgiving food baskets, as well as for our outside missions, such as Brick Hospital, Shorrock Gardens, and Weatherhead & Young Funeral Home. We also need to replenish our basket outside the FLC. It's wonderful that prayer squares help us to connect with the newcomers who come to worship at BPC.



Wouldn't it be nice if we made the squares with pretty fall colors? Just let me know if you need some yarn.

Happy knitting and crocheting! Thank you for all your help!

Lori Evans, Mission Coordinator



## **FUNDRAISING NEWS**

***Boscov's coupons are now available for the Friends Helping Friends sale!***



Coupons are \$5.00 and entitle you to 25% off most everything in the store. Also, register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card!

**We need some help selling coupons at the store**, if you are available and can give us a hand. Please call Lynn 732-966-6240 or Linda 848-333-5119.

***Dates and times are:***

- Thursday 10/10 – 2-6 pm
- Saturday 10/12 – 2-6 pm
- Thursday 10/17 – 10-2 pm
- Friday 10/18 – 10-2 pm
- Sunday 10/20 – 2-5 pm.
- Tuesday 10/22 – 3-6 pm (The day of the sale)



***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.



## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

# **SOWING THE SEEDS OF PEACE.**

ZECHARIAH 8:12

We live in an era of uncertainty - of weather events, aggression through war, gun violence, human trafficking, international conflict, employment, inflation, illness — the list goes on. However, humanity always has, in one form or another.

Long ago, the Psalmist wrote: “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4, NRSV). ***We claim God’s promise — you are with me.***

**With this promise in mind, we participate in the Peace & Global Witness Offering as Presbyterians draw together to provide support to brothers and sisters in Christ who work for peace every day.** It helps encourage our church partners in Ukraine as they struggle against the trauma of war. It helps congregations begin to address the growing mental health crisis and the increase in the number of suicides in their communities. It provides resources for congregations seeking to address issues of gun violence in their communities.

We give because we know that every level of society needs Christ’s peace. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation; 25% is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations; and the remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice. In recent years, our church’s portion was dedicated to supporting our mission co-workers Mark Hare and Jenny Bent in Costa Rica.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website ([pcusa.org/peace-global](https://pcusa.org/peace-global)) to learn how your support of this offering helps peacemaking efforts both in the U.S. and around the world. We are the peacemakers, sowing seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make.

***Please give generously to this Special Offering which will be taken on October 13th.***

*We are there*

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## **SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR**



Join us during the coffee hour after the service on **October 20th** in the Family Life Center (FLC) as we share in a Zoom presentation with Mark Hare, our mission coworker in Costa Rica, to learn more about his and Jenny Bent's ministry there.

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

***The first gathering of Presbyterian Women's (PW) Circle at BPC is October 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the FLC!***



"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 connectional 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.

## 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!



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Printer cartridges fundraiser - Ongoing
- Boscov's Coupons on sale now
- Peace & Global Witness Offering - 10/13
- Presbyterian Women's meeting - 10/13
- Zoom call with Missionary Mark Hare - 10/20
- Boscov's Coupon Sale event - 10/22
- Veterans Day Service - 11/10



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



## SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER



**10/14**



**10/31**



## **HELP NEEDED**

**Updated for October**

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** - 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.

**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)).

**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.

**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.



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**

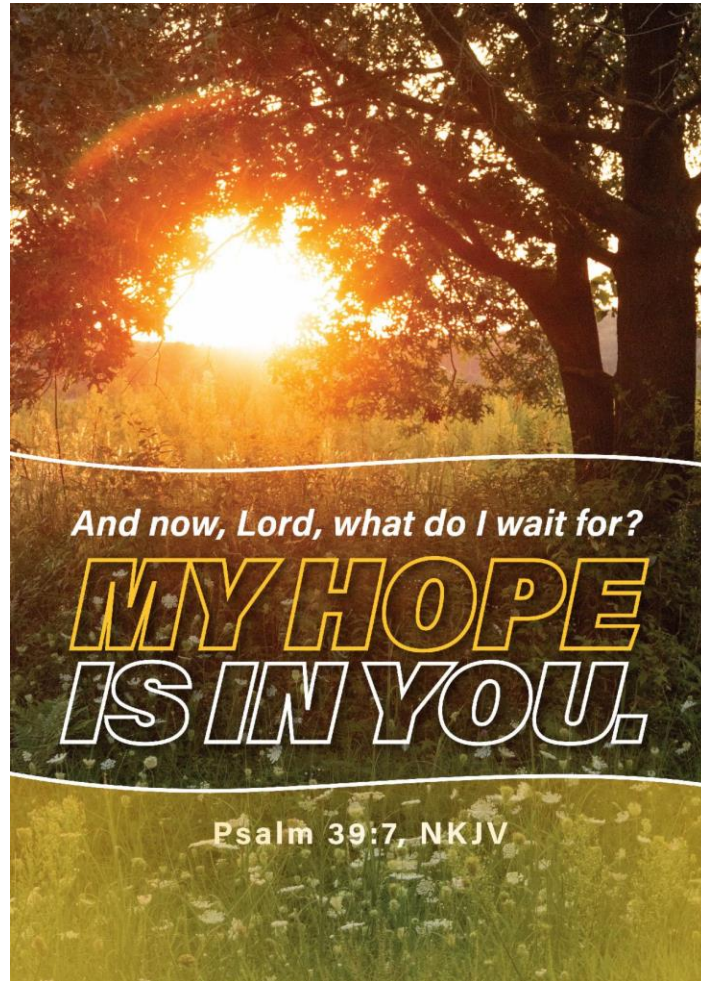


Please Note!

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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