

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,

Part of my responsibilities during my time with you is to serve as Moderator at the meetings of your Session.

So in September I arrived, on the appointed evening, unsure of what the tone and health of the meeting would be. I knew that serving on session during a pastoral vacancy can be a challenging experience and folks could be feeling some meeting weariness and committee burnout. I thought that I might need to provide encouragement and point out all of the wonderful programs and ministries that are happening as a result of all of you.

Well, that was an abundance of unnecessary concern on my part! I was not only delighted to discover an energy and vision for all areas of Church Life, but I was able to watch a group of people who were willing to wrestle with the best ways to do the right things! There was a high level of mutual respect, a healthy amount of laughter, and a sacred sense that God's Spirit is working with, and in, all of us.

I have always known that God has chosen, over the centuries, to use gatherings of people to do the business of the Church. I have occasionally shaken my head and wondered about the wisdom of that decision, but as a seminary professor reminded us decades ago: "God is God . . . and you're not!" So I wanted to take this chance to let you know that one of my first learnings here at BPC is that you have some great people leading your congregation: be sure to thank them and God!

Shalom,
Jack Cherry

HANDS ON MISSION GROUP



Did you notice the tag on our Prayer Squares?

They state that "In every stitch we've enfolded a prayer for comfort, encouragement, love and care." Our knitters and crocheters mean every word. Although we do not know the recipients, we include them in our personal talks with God while our hands are busy; He surely knows who they are!

A/C FUND PROGRESS



**A/C
FUND**

**GOAL:
\$35,000**

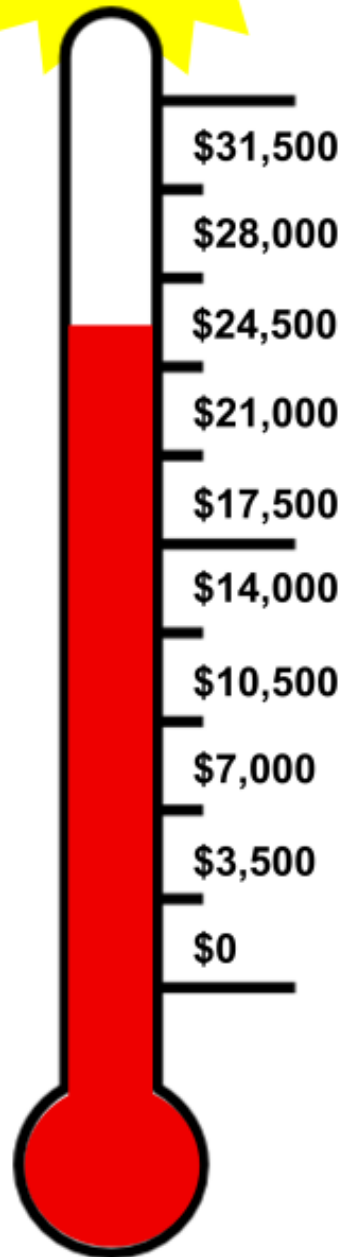
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for your generous donations
to our
**SANCTUARY AIR
CONDITIONING FUND!**

***As of 9/7/25, your donations
total***

\$24,540.86

In addition to your regular offerings
that are used to pay for the church's
current expenses, we are
prayerfully requesting that you
continue to financially support with
additional donations toward the
purchase of this new system, which
has a projected cost between
\$30,000-\$35,000.



FUNDRAISING

Our Annual Boscov's Coupon Sale Is Underway!



The coupons are \$5.00 for 20% off most items on the date of the sale, which is **October 22, 2025**. This is truly a great deal and most everyone starts their Christmas shopping at this time.

We also need help selling at our table at Boscov's store. If you have anytime available and would like to hang out and help us sell these coupons, please let us know. There is a sign up sheet at the fundraising table – any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Dates are the following:

Tuesday, September 2
Saturday, September 27
Monday, October 13

Saturday, October 18
Wednesday, October 22 (Day of big sale)

Fall Is Here!

Time to think about ordering your Thanksgiving pies!

As always, they're the best pies around. Order forms will be available at the fundraising table.



We have such a great variety of pies – Apple Lattice and Crumb, Peach Lattice and Crumb, Blueberry Lattice and Crumb, Cherry Lattice and Crumb, Pumpkin Pie, Lemon Meringue Pie, Pecan Pie, Mince Pie and Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb. If that doesn't make your mouth water, I would be surprised. **All orders must be in by November 9, and the pick-up date is November 25;** times will be announced.

Mum Sale

Sorry, but this year there will be no mum sale, as our vendor has sold their place. We hope to have the sale again next year, but as of now we will not be selling them this year.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR ON-GOING FUNDRAISERS

Ink Cartridges Collection Is An On-Going Project

Bring them in and deposit them in the designated black trash can at the entry to the FLC.
Proceeds help with the cost of printing for the church committees for special events.



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.



DEACONS CORNER



We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who participated in the recent Red Cross Blood Drive.

Your willingness to donate blood is a powerful example of our church community's generosity and commitment to helping others. The drive was a great success, and your contributions will make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for embodying the spirit of service and compassion.

Food Pantry Needs

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we're reminded of the many blessings we've received and the opportunity we have to share with others. The deacons are collecting items for the Brick Presbyterian Food Bank to help local families have a warm and bountiful holiday meal.



We're looking for the following items:

- Boxed potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Canned vegetables (peas, corn, green beans, etc.)

Please place your donations in the designated boxes in the narthex. Your support helps ensure our neighbors can celebrate Thanksgiving with dignity and joy.

Care and Nurture List



Our deacons are dedicated to caring for our church family. We'd love to know of any church members who might be homebound, sick, or simply in need of a visit.

If you know of someone who would benefit from being added to our care and nurture list, please let any of the deacons know. We are committed to reaching out and providing support and connection to those who need it most.



VETERANS DAY SERVICE



Our Veterans Day service will take place **November 9** at 10:00 a.m. We will recognize our Veterans with patriotic songs and a short sermon. Hope to see you there!

STEWARDSHIP & BENEVOLENCE NEWS



On World Communion Sunday, 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. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

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

God is with us ... and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion, celebrated on World Communion Sunday. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

We give to this special offering 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 has been dedicated to supporting our mission co-workers Mark Hare and Jenny Bent in Costa Rica.

Please give generously to this Special Offering which will be taken on October 12th.

The Peace of Christ be with us all!

RECOVERY AT BPC

AA Meetings in Fellowship Hall

Daily - 7 a.m.

Friday – 12 p.m., 8 p.m.

Saturday – 7 p.m.

NA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 6:30 p.m.



COMMUNITY FAIR / COFFEE HOUR



***We invite you to join us
at the Community Fair / Coffee Hour
on Sunday, October 19, 2025
in our Family Life Center
immediately following the service.***

Please mark your calendar to see and learn how we are the messengers of God's gracious love and care! We are excited to share news of the mission and activities of our church committees as well as the organizations supported by the donations, space, and/or time of those who are part of or connected to our church family.

We look forward to celebrating Brick Presbyterian Church's impact in our faith journeys and in the community during this special coffee hour.

The Stewardship and Benevolence Committee

SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER



10/13



10/31

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- \$5 Boscov's coupons ON SALE NOW
- Blood Drive - 9/30
- Peace & Global Witness offering - 10/12
- Community Fair/Coffee Hour - 10/19
- Boscov's Sale event - 10/22
- Veterans Day Service - 11/9
- Thanksgiving Pies orders due - 11/9
- Pick up date for Thanksgiving Pies - 11/25

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





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 –***

Bell Choir - Bell ringers are needed. **All ages are welcome – We'd love to have one or more of our talented young people join us!** Practices are held weekly on **Mondays at 5:00 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.

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).

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 Missy Brino at mbrino@comcast.net or 732-691-6209.

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, and Weatherhead & Young Funeral 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

BPC ONLINE GIVING



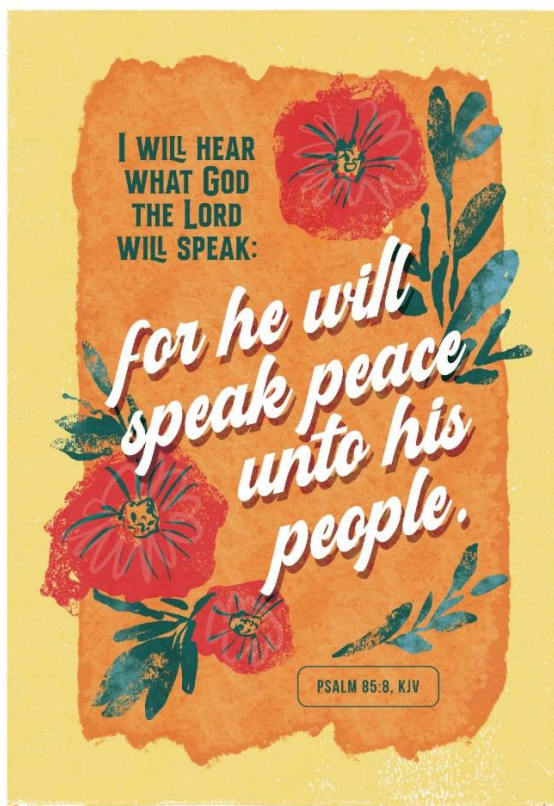
Please go to www.brickpresby.com/give-now/, and click on the "GIVE NOW" button to make an online donation to Brick Presbyterian Church.



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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