

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Jack Cherry, Pastor



Dear Friends,

Three things for your consideration as we enter November. (By the way, have you ever noticed how ministers always seem to have three things to say, three points to a sermon, and three things to list within

parentheses? Blame it on the power of Trinitarian Theology!)

1 - I hope you will join me, wherever you are, in celebration and gratitude on Wednesday, November 5! And what are we celebrating and grateful for? It is the day after Election Day and we won't have to watch anymore of those political commercials on TV! In our Presbyterian/Reformed Tradition we are urged to participate in the political process, to vote our faith in those issues that echo the priorities of Christ. However, I don't think that even the old French lawyer, John Calvin, who outlined the scope and focus of our faith, would have wanted us to waste our time and energy watching political commercials!

2 - I hope you will join me, wherever you are, in celebration and gratitude on Thursday, November 27, our National Day of Thanksgiving. This is also one of the pillars of our particular corner of the Theological world. From the Biblical model of a harvest holiday to our American experience of Food, Family and Football (see, another triple play) it is important to measure the ways that God has blessed us over the year gone by and to recommit ourselves to being a People of Hope.

3 - And speaking of Hope, that will bring us to the First Sunday in Advent and the lighting of the Candle of Hope on Sunday, November 30 to start the season. I am deeply grateful that you are allowing me to lead worship through the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve this year. My guiding perspective, throughout all of my Advent/Christmas seasons as a pastor, has been that this holy time together is the only Advent/Christmas that matters, because it is the only one that we can do anything about. There has never been, nor will there ever be again, an Advent/Christmas of 2025. There has never been, nor will there ever be again, a time when we, and those whom we love, have been this age; when our health and our faith has been, or will be, what it is this year; when our world and our nation and our Church has been, or will be, exactly like they are right now. If we miss it, we can never recapture the blessings that God has in store for us this year. I hope that you all will make a special effort to be in worship those four Sundays and that one Wednesday night, not because I will be there, that is a trivial thing, but because God will be there. That is the promise above all of the other promises: Emmanuel, God-With-us.

Shalom,
Jack Cherry

A/C FUND PROGRESS

UPDATE:



**A/C
FUND**

**GOAL:
\$35,000**

Thank You!

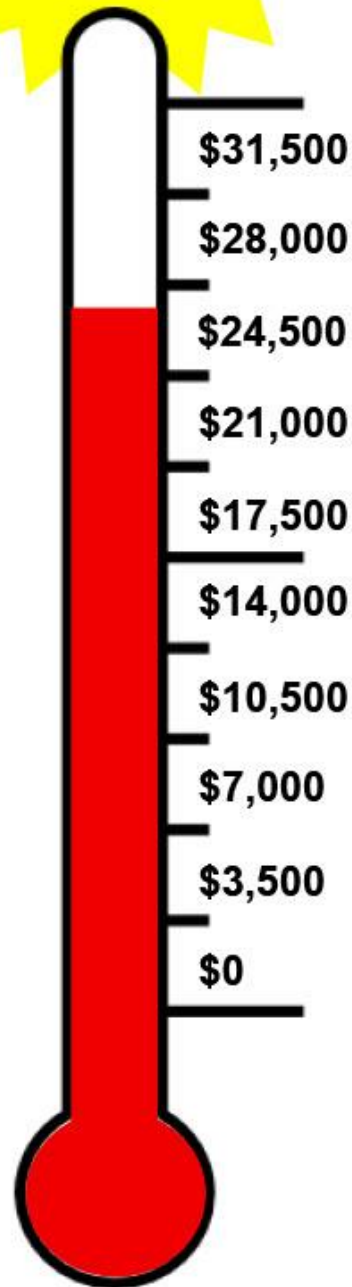
for your generous donations
to our

**SANCTUARY AIR
CONDITIONING FUND!**

***As of 10/12/25, your
donations total***

\$24,791.03

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

Thanksgiving Pies



All pie orders must be in by November 9. Pick up date is Tuesday November 25. Order forms can be picked up at the fundraising table or you can use the one in the newsletter (See below.)

If you need to contact Lynn to order pies, call 732-966-6240 or email lmizer@comcast.net.

These are deep dish pies and the best around!

THANKSGIVING PIE ORDER FORM – *You can also pick one up at the fundraising table:*

Thanksgiving Pies – Fundraiser ORDER FORM



Delicious and Freshly-Baked at
Cameo Cakes - Brielle, NJ

All proceeds benefit Brick Presbyterian Church Missions.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FLAVOR	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
Apple Lattice		\$22	
Apple Crumb		\$22	
Peach Lattice		\$22	
Peach Crumb		\$22	
Blueberry Lattice		\$22	
Blueberry Crumb		\$22	
Cherry Lattice		\$22	
Cherry Crumb		\$22	
Pumpkin Pie		\$22	
Lemon Meringue Pie		\$27	
Pecan Pie		\$27	
Mince Pie		\$27	
Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb		\$27	
<u>TOTAL</u>		-----	\$

ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY NOV. 9, 2025. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BPC.
PIES ARE FRESHLY-BAKED; MUST BE PICKED UP AT CHURCH ON TUESDAY, NOV. 25.
NO CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER NOV. 9
ALL PIES ARE FREEZABLE! THANK YOU, AND ENJOY!

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Rec'd: _____ Ck. # _____ Ck. Amt. _____



Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets

Orders are now being taken for our beautiful wreaths and grave blankets. **All orders must be in by November 5 for early December delivery.** Any questions or orders you can contact Lynn Mizer at 732-966-6240 or email lmizer@comcast.net.

26" Wreath price is \$30.00 - Grave Blanket price is \$45.00.

Christmas Cookie Sale



Christmas Cookie Sale sign-up sheet will also be at the fundraising table. We need as many cookies as you can bake. We ran out early last year and this is one of our biggest fundraisers. **All donations will be greatly appreciated.** Cookie Sale is on **December 13.**

If you would like to donate and can't make it to sign-up or drop off, please contact Lynn Mizer at 732-966-6240.

Christmas Gift Wrapping at Boscov's



We have the opportunity again this Holiday Season to wrap Christmas gifts at Boscov's in exchange for donations to BPC. **A sign-up sheet is available** at the fundraising table with select dates and times during November and December. Hurry in -- slots fill up quickly!

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR ON-GOING FUNDRAISERS

Ink Cartridges Collection



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



Hymnal Dedications and Memorial Bricks, both of which are available throughout the year, are two memorials that 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



As the crisp air of November ushers in the season of gratitude and Thanksgiving, our thoughts naturally turn to the blessings we share. However, for many in our community, this time of year brings added stress and scarcity. This is why we, your **Deacons**, are reaching out with an urgent appeal on behalf of our **Food Pantry**.

Our food pantry is facing a shortage as we head into the holiday season. The demand for assistance has risen, and our shelves are running bare at a time when families need our support the most. We need donations to ensure that everyone who relies on the pantry can enjoy a nourishing holiday meal.

We are specifically appealing for items essential to a holiday dinner. Your donations of the following will make a direct and meaningful impact:

- **Canned Vegetables: Corn, green beans, peas, etc.**
- **Soups: Canned chicken, vegetable, cream of mushroom, etc.**
- **Stuffing Mix**
- **Instant Potatoes**

These items are crucial for assembling holiday meal kits and stocking our pantry through the end of the year. While we are focusing on holiday-specific items right now, all non-perishable food items are always welcome and deeply appreciated. Your generosity ensures that our neighbors can put food on their tables not just on Thanksgiving, but every day.

We thank you in advance for your compassion and steadfast commitment to serving our community. Your support is a true reflection of God's love.

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous **Thanksgiving!**

In Christ's Service,
The Deacons of Brick Presbyterian Church



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!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



There will be envelopes placed in the church pews starting **November 23 and continuing through December 14, 2025**, to donate for Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones, for display in the sanctuary.

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

DECORATING FOR ADVENT

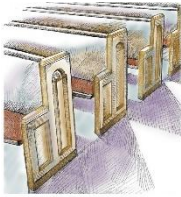


The Worship Committee is asking for your help!

We will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas **after the Pentecost Service at 2:30 p.m. on November 23rd**. 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!



Restock the Pews

If you are available for one hour per month to clean and restock the pews, please contact Tom Fortier at 848-333-2599 or Missy Brino at 732-691-6209. Thank you for considering this worthwhile job.

HANDS ON MISSION GROUP

Hi everyone!



We're on a roll—PRAYER SQUARES are popping up and available at Weatherhead & Young Funeral Home, Brick Hospital, and Shorrock Nursing Home... but we need more! The Holidays are here, so it's time to get those needles out again and have fun knitting and crocheting our squares. Let's keep the momentum going! If you have any questions, please just contact the church office. Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP & BENEVOLENCE NEWS



WE ARE THE MESSENGERS!

We have received an incredible message from our God – of salvation, love, and hope - and we are determined to continue to share it!

During this fall season, we have been highlighting at our Community Fair, through testimonial messages offered during our services, and through the words that have been shared with us by various folks, the ways in which members and friends in our church community and beyond have been touched by God's abiding care and the ministry of this congregation. God's generosity to us is boundless and we are grateful for the many opportunities to express that.

And that is where we look to and depend on you!

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different kinds of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to everyone for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all." (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

As we plan for 2026, we are asking you to prayerfully consider how you can share your time, talent, and prayers so that we may "run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith."

– Hebrews 12:1-2

Please return the Planned Giving card mailed to you or found in the church on any Sunday. We will have a dedication of the cards received on Generosity Sunday, November 23.

Yours faithfully in Christ's Service,

The Stewardship & Benevolence Committee

Sherrie Cummella, Kathy Hahn, Kathy Kenny,
Jean Reilly, Elaine Salto, Joyce Shields





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 –***

Worship Committee - If you are available for one hour per month to clean and restock the pews, please contact Tom Fortier at 848-333-2599 or Missy Brino at 732-691-6209. Thank you for considering this worthwhile job.

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.

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).

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

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER



11/2



11/11



11/27



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Boscov's Gift Wrapping - Sign-up sheet is available now
- Wreaths & Grave Blankets orders due - 11/5
- Veterans Day Service - 11/9
- Thanksgiving Pies orders due - 11/9
- Christmas Flowers donation envelopes available - 11/23-12/14
- Decorating the church for Advent - 11/23
- Generosity Sunday/Planned Giving Cards dedication - 11/23
- Pick up date for Thanksgiving Pies - 11/25
- Christmas Cookie Sale - 12/13



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



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.



BPC ONLINE GIVING



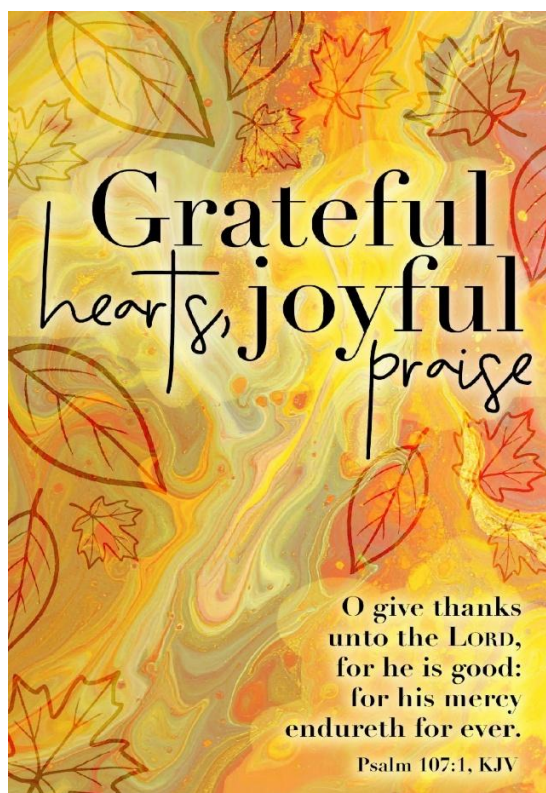
Please go to www.brickpresby.com/give-now/, and click on the "GIVE NOW" button to make an online donation to Brick Presbyterian Church.



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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