

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Jack Cherry, Pastor

Dear Friends,



It is the time of the year when Church leadership is shifting, sort of.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is working steadily to sort through the introductory paperwork to identify candidates to interview, to sort through their interview reactions, to check references, to cross-check with each other, to whittle the choices down by prayer, to identify who seems best suited for the Pastorate of BPC, all of this leading to their recommendation to the Session and Congregation.

The Nominations for Session and Board of Deacons have already been accepted and, by the time you read this, will have been presented to all of you at the January 25 Congregational Meeting. ***(Meeting changed to Feb. 1)***

These are exciting times for everyone connected to BPC! However, there is a reality that we all need to recall and remind each other about: The leadership is not shifting, it is constant. The leadership is found in Jesus Christ. It is, has been, and will always be the foundational truth of this and every Church. What is happening is that God is choosing those through whom the Spirit will work, through all of the paperwork and prayer and patience and all of the invitations to serve.

And the same thing is happening, less formally but just as sacredly, when you hear about any of the other opportunities to serve God's Church. Please take them seriously and prayerfully, and ask if God is calling you to serve by any of the plethora of small, holy jobs that need to be done as we follow the unshifting leadership of our Lord

Shalom,
Jack Cherry

ANNUAL MEETING – DATE CHANGE



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 1, 2026, in the FLC following our worship service.

Please plan to join us for this very important gathering.

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**GOAL:
\$35,000**

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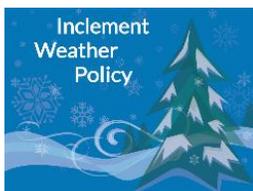
CONDITIONING FUND!

As of 12/31/25, your

donations total

\$30,061.72

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.



In times of inclement weather, especially during this winter season, or for other adverse conditions, the congregation is reminded to check the Church Website for closings, delays, and cancellations by going to www.brickpresby.com.

Please note that radio stations no longer announce weather-related closings, etc.

DEACONS UPDATE



As we move through the heart of winter, we are reminded of the warmth found in our community and the grace that sustains us. February is often a quiet month, but it is a vital time for us to look ahead and prepare for the ways we can serve one another in the coming season.



Save the Date: Spring Blood Drive

We are pleased to announce our upcoming Red Cross blood drive. Your donation is a tangible way to share the gift of life with those in need.

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for local families, and our shelves are currently running low on several staples. **If you are able, please consider picking up a few of these items during your next grocery trip:**



Hearty Meals & Sides:

- Chicken broth & Beef stew
- Chili & Baked beans
- Corn muffin mix

Breakfast Items:

- Pancake mix & Syrup
- Coffee (Regular and Instant)

Our Four-Legged Friends:

- Cat food & Dog food (Dry and canned)
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We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing deacons.

Your dedication, prayers, and tireless service over the past term have been a blessing to this congregation. You have truly modeled the heart of a servant.

At the same time, we are thrilled to welcome our new class of deacons! We are excited for the fresh energy and perspective you bring to this ministry. Please join us in praying for them as they begin their journey of leadership and care.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Happy New Year Everyone!



Reflecting on 2025, it was an incredibly impactful year for the BPC food pantry.

We served 3,700 adults and 1,200 children, an average of 308 families/individuals each month. Our Wednesday team packed and distributed approximately 1,500 boxes/bags and purchased just over 5,000 pounds of food to keep our shelves stocked. In coordination with the pantry team, the deacons packed and distributed food boxes for 190 households and provided approximately \$4,700 in ShopRite gift cards to supplement the boxes.

The BPC food pantry would like to acknowledge the following donors, whose generosity kept our mission going:

- Our dedicated parishioners
- Private donors
- St. Gregory's Pantry
- Brick Schools
- Brick Stop-n-Shop
- The Brick Post Office
- The Brick Morning Rotary Club & Wingman Foundation
- The Boy Scouts
- The Girl Scouts
- Cherry Quay Community
- Wedgewood Community
- The Brick Elks
- The AA Brick Eye Openers & Flakey Group
- The AA Bible Study Group

Additionally, our partnership with Fulfill has been integral in our success and we are pleased to continue working with them.

Thank you again to all who donated. We are grateful for the continued support.



The food pantry is looking for volunteers to help with shopping, distribution and organization.

These roles require moving around, lifting light to moderate items, and working independently. If you feel this would be a good fit for you, please call the church office.



WORSHIP NEWS

Church Un-Decorating

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to decorate, and then undecorate, our Church for Christmas. We are truly blessed to have such a hard-working team of congregants.



A special thank you to our friends of the Pentecostal Church who also helped to decorate and undecorate our church.



Worship Committee

Join the 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 732-691-6209 or at msbrino@gmail.com or Tom Fortier at tfortier111@gmail.com or 848-333-2599.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Service
February 18th
7:00 p.m.



THANK YOU



Thank you for your contributions of \$1,003 to the Christmas Joy Special Offering.

Your generosity will help to ease the burdens of church leaders among us — past, present, and future — who have pointed us to God.

FUNDRAISING

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.



CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY



Caregiver Volunteers of
Central Jersey

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey is an interfaith, nonprofit agency providing free, supportive services to the frail, elderly and the homebound, enabling them to live independently and with dignity in their own homes in Ocean and Monmouth Counties.

Please join us at the end of the worship service on Sunday, February 8th, to learn more about this organization which receives support through budgeted mission funds from our church.

SPECIAL DAYS IN FEBRUARY



2/2



2/14



2/16

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Annual Congregational Mtg. NEW DATE - Feb. 1
- Caregivers of Central Jersey event - 2/8
- Ash Wednesday service - 2/18
- OGHS offering received - 3/29
- Blood Drive - 3/31



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



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Immediately following World War II, U.S. Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. In 1949, the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal for support of the separate campaigns of their churches. Their joint statement in support of this effort remains remarkably contemporary.



A program called One Great Hour was broadcast on the evening of Saturday, March 26, 1949, over major networks and many independent stations. The script was written under the direction of playwright Robert Sherwood. The cast included some of the foremost dramatic and musical talents of the time, such as Gregory Peck and Ida Lupino; President Harry Truman brought greetings. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated. (To read a transcript of the address - see <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/230062>)

The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name “One Great Hour of Sharing” for the first time. At times, One Great Hour of Sharing was coordinated with the Roman Catholic Bishops’ Fund Appeal for Overseas Aid and the Jewish Passover Appeal. Free time and space were donated to this joint appeal through the Advertising Council. From the beginning, this has been an ecumenical effort. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than one hundred countries, including the United States and Canada.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. As we enter the season of Lent, may we especially remember the call in Micah 6:8 to do justice. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

The Offering which will be received on Palm Sunday, March 29, provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

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.





HELP NEEDED

Updated for February

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 –***

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Bell Choir – Bell ringers are needed; **NO MUSIC BACKGROUND REQUIRED - WE TRAIN! All ages are welcome – We’d love to have one or more of our talented young people join us!** Practices are held weekly on Monday at 5:00 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.

Fundraising Committee – Seeking new members to join our fun, energetic group. Are you interested? If so, **join us on the first Tuesday of the month in the FLC.** Contact Linda Kathenes (848-333-5119, JLin52@comcast.net) or Lynn Mizer (732-966-6240, lmizer@comcast.net) with any questions.

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, Weatherhead & Young Funeral Home, & Shorrocks Nursing Home, are always needed. All projects may be done at home. Call the church office at 732-477-0676 with any questions you may have.



If you are a group leader and need volunteers, simply email your info to bpnewsletter111@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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