

Good Tidings

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Dear Friends,

Allow me to point out one of the quiet, often unnoticed, moments in the dramatic events of Holy Week as a potential guide for the month of April.

Jesus is in the borrowed Upper Room and he reveals to the disciples that one of them will betray him. And there is, from all we can gather, a complete lack of finger pointing, an absence of accusing glances, or whispered accusations. Instead, the question that circles the table is this: "Is it I, Lord?"

"Is it I, Lord?" Quite different from so much of what we hear in our contemporary culture. It seems that the loudest voices are those accusing others of sin, those blaming others for our problems, those defending themselves without a hint of regret, an ounce of blame, a moment of self-examination or a flicker of shame. And the trickle down effect of reading and hearing the aggressive accusations allows them to seem normal for any number of everyday conversations.

As we move toward and beyond the cross and the empty grave, we meet the joys, challenges, and opportunities of living in a post-Easter world where Christ is continually with us in all that we do. Armed with that truth, I invite you to look for him in the midst of the sins of the world, the sorrows that surround us, and the problems that threaten to overwhelm us. But as you do it, ask "Is it I, Lord?" Am I responsible? Am I accountable?"

And you might be surprised at the works of grace that God can provide when we expect Easter to be more than just colored eggs and lilies.

Peace,
Jack Cherry



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE



PNC Monthly Update: Seeking a Shepherd for Our Family

As your Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) continues its work, we find ourselves standing on a foundation built over 120 years of faith. Our journey is guided by the Mission Study Report, which reminds us that we are more than just a congregation—we are a **church family**.

Grounded in Faith, Moving in Hope

In our recent meetings, we have been reflecting on the core values you shared during the mission study. You told us that **warmth, welcoming attitudes, and effective preaching** are what you value most. Because of this, we are looking for a leader who is not just a "bridge" to the Word, but someone who can inspire us with passionate sermons that relate to our real-life stories.

Did You Know?

As we look to the future, it helps to remember how far God has brought us:

- **Humble Beginnings:** In 1907, just a few years after our founding, the church treasury had exactly five cents on hand. Today, we are stewards of a beautiful sanctuary and a state-of-the-art Family Life Center.
- **A Heart for Service:** Our identity has always been defined by hands-on mission, from supporting Destiny's Bridge neighbors to our current daily Food Pantry operations.
- **Our Vision:** The PNC is seeking a pastor who can help us grow into our mission of being a **community focussed** congregation—actively engaging the world and waking up new possibilities for our town, state and beyond.

Our Current Stage

We are currently utilizing the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection to review **MDPs (Ministry Discernment Profiles)** and match with potential candidates. We are seeking a "shepherd" who is energetic, creative, and ready to help us attract the next generation of families to our Drum Point Road home.

Join Us in Prayer

We ask for your continued prayers for the "right candidate" who is out there seeking us just as we are seeking them. Pray for our committee to have the **spiritual maturity and compassion** to discern the leader God has already chosen for Brick Presbyterian Church.

DEACONS UPDATE

Blood Drive



Thank you to all those who participated in the March 31 drive.
Be on the lookout for two additional dates – **July 28, 1-6 p.m. and August 29, 1-6 p.m.**

Food Pantry



Thank you for your continuing donations to our food pantry. Any and all donations are welcome and appreciated.

Food Pantry is also looking for helpers with shopping, distribution and organization.
66 boxes of food were given out through the school donation program.

A SPECIAL NOTE

The Faithful Remnants Committee (which is our Hands On Mission Group) is ALIVE and functional.



In case you have forgotten us, this program makes prayer squares and knitted and quilted blankets. We also make prayer shawls and baby hats, and do not forget the teddy bears given at Christenings. With this in mind, we could use material, notions and skeins of yarn.

Anyone who would like to join us, please call Elaine Salto.



WORSHIP NEWS



Worship Committee

Please join us for **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**, April 5, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.



Church Un-Decorating

We will be UNDECORATING the church on Sunday, **April 12**, at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you for all your help!



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.



DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD



BPC has undertaken a new mission known as DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD.

The dream is to provide every girl with at least one new dress with the hope that these dresses will let girls know they are worthy of respect and loved by God.

A container is in the narthex for donations of fabric, lace, trim, or other sewing supplies.

To participate in this mission or to receive further information, please contact Helen Upperman in church, by email (hupperman@msn.com), or by leaving a message on her phone (856-906-6457).



THE PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG



The Presbyterian Giving Catalog provides an easy way to give with a purpose—tangible gifts of practical and lasting benefit, such as chickens, goats, cows, garden wells, community gardens and training for families and communities around the globe.

The Giving Catalog is a great way to pursue your passion, to make a nontraditional gift in someone's honor, or to simply brighten someone's day.

Look for the catalogs in the narthex!

RECOVERY AT BPC

AA Meetings in Fellowship Hall

Daily - 7 a.m.

Friday – 12 p.m., 8 p.m.

Saturday – 7 p.m.

Light of Life Recovery Bible Group in Room 4

Tuesday - 7:00PM

NA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 6:30 p.m.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m. - 3/31
- Maundy Thursday Agape meal, 6 p.m. - 4/2
- Church decorating for Easter, 10 a.m. - 4/4
- Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m. - 4/5
- Church un-decorating, 11 a.m. - 4/12
- Blood Drives - 7/28 and 8/29



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



HELP NEEDED

Updated for April

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 –***

Faithful Remnants/Hands On Mission Group – Volunteers are wanted to work on some easy, fun, craft and sewing projects, such as teddy bears for Baptisms. We also need prayer squares (crochet or knit), knitted and quilted blankets, as well as prayer shawls and baby hats. All projects may be done at home. Call Elaine Salto with any questions you may have.

Food Pantry – 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 at 732-477-0676.

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.

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.



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 APRIL



4/2



4/3



4/5



4/22

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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A watercolor illustration of a tomb entrance. The entrance is a large, irregular hole in a stone wall, with a rough, torn edge. The interior of the tomb is a bright, yellowish-gold color, suggesting light and life. Outside the tomb, a small hill is visible with three crosses on top, representing the crucifixion. The background is a mix of warm and cool colors, including yellows, oranges, and blues, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere.

Easter reminds us:
GOD KEEPS
His promises.