

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Jack Cherry, Pastor

Dear Friends,

At one point Deb and I thought we would spend our retirement years in the general area of Charleston, SC. We had vacationed at several nearby sea islands, checked out the medical facilities and begun some mild flirting with real estate firms, in and around what we felt was the loveliest city in America.



Yet here we are in Ocean County, NJ.

The primary reason is because our roots grew deeper. Our family and friends - especially our grandchildren up in North Jersey - are all here. The landscape - geographically, socially, politically and theologically - are familiar and comfortable and challenging.

And I've come to realize that we love the ways in which the weather changes, especially this month. Each year as the temperatures of June begin to edge toward summer, life slows down a bit. The school year is ending, the kids are looking forward to summer activities, the Church program year throttles back a bit, meals move outside, and decks in the twilight encourage deeper and more meaningful conversations.

My plan is to use this month to do some travel planning, some vacation remembering, and some wondering - in prayer and conversation - about "What's next in our life?" . . . the typical goals of retirement living. I hope that those of you who are retired, and those of you who are still working, will recognize this different season that God is bringing us and utilize it for your own dreaming and scheming and prayerful anticipation of the changes that are coming.

As always, I am grateful to be traveling through 2026 with the companionship of the remarkable and faithful pilgrims of Brick Presbyterian Church, until God's plan for the next pastor is discerned.

Peace,
Jack Cherry



A MESSAGE FROM THE BPC FOOD PANTRY



Congratulations to the BPC Food Pantry and all local food pantries that benefited from this year's annual USPS "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive!



Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community and the support of our local Post Office, our pantry received thousands of pounds of donated food. We are truly grateful for this outpouring of kindness and support.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to picking up, delivering, checking expiration dates, sorting, and stocking these generous donations. Your service makes a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

Our pantry guests continue to express their appreciation for the ongoing care and support they receive through this ministry. Together, we are making an impact in our community.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



THANK YOU!



Your gifts of \$879.02 to the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will bring a beacon of love and hope in our world serving individuals and communities in need.

Thank you! As we always say ...
When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Mother's Day plant sale was a success.

Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Whether you helped pick out and transport the plants or bought one (or two) from the sale, thank you.

candy bars



We are continuing with the candy bar sales which have been very successful.

Candy Bar Sale: 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5

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.



RISE

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EXPERIENCE

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

Join the movement!

Will you join us for an exciting, hands-on volunteer opportunity to package meals for global hunger relief? Check out our Rise Against Hunger Experience meal packaging event details below. We hope to see you there!

June 7, 2026

2 - 4 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
714 Herbertsville Road
Brick

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN,

HIGH IMPACT EVENT!



QUILTERS UPDATE



Thank you to our Quilters, Annemarie Gilman and Elaine Salto, whose work was displayed on Mother's Day. Their beautiful quilts reflect an investment of time, creativity, care, and prayer for the recipients in our area who find themselves in challenging times.

Quilts have been delivered to Just Believe, Seeds of Service, Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity and Ocean's Harbor House.

We continue to welcome your donations of fabric and supplies to continue this meaningful ministry.



DO YOU HAVE UNUSED EYEGLASSES?



We are accepting donations of eyeglasses which will be donated to Lions International, a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness since 1925. Volunteers process donated glasses for distribution through medical missions around the world.

Please look for the donation container in the narthex.

(Please note that sunglasses are not accepted.)

Thank you!

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!

- Pentecost Sunday - Wear **RED** - 5/24
- Rise Against Hunger event - 6/7, 2-4 p.m.
- Blood Drives - 7/28 and 8/29

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



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.





HELP NEEDED

Updated for June

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; **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.

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.



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 JUNE



6/14



6/21



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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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