

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Jack Cherry, Pastor

Dear Friends,

I was asked by someone, not long ago, what I thought the most important thing is for a Congregation to focus upon.

Normally I shy away from those conversations regarding prioritizing the work of the Church because I learned, many years ago, that whatever you are doing is the most important thing to be doing at the moment, the most important thing to focus upon.

So Fellowship, Education, Music, Building Maintenance, Outreach, Mission Partnering, Financial Management, Fund Raising . . . all of these things (and probably a few that I'm missing) should/must be the most important when you are involved with it, they all deserve our best efforts.

However, I think that I can make the case that Worship is the most important thing that a Congregation does and provides. In large part, this is true because Worship is the one thing that is not available anywhere else. If you are interested in doing any of the other things I mentioned, there are groups and organizations or even careers out in the world where you can do them. But there aren't many places we can go and sing together - well or poorly - with others. There aren't many activities that invite us to fess up to the fact that we are not the person we wish we were and then be told, "That's OK, God still loves you!" There are not many moments when we can "Be still and know that God is God."

You see, worship remains the only activity that is unique to the aptly named "Places of Worship". I know all of the stories about folks feeling closer to God on golf courses or beaches or boats than they do in pews, but that's more an indictment of our worship leaders lack of focus, or our worshipers lack of expectation.

The old invitation and promise from Jesus still stands: "Wherever two or more of you are gathered in my name, I am there with you." Take him up on it this Sunday, or any Sunday, and you may just find something special for you . . . or you may just provide something special for someone who needs you.

Peace,

Jack Cherry



DEACONS UPDATE



Blood Drive

Thank you to the participants in the blood drive.
It was a huge success.

Food Pantry

Thanks to all for your generous contributions to the Easter baskets with a distribution of 64 boxes this time.

Please continue to bring donations this month. All donations are welcome.



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.



The Deacons committee **FAITHFUL REMNANTS** is still in need of yarn for the prayer squares and shawls, as well as material for the blankets that are still being made.

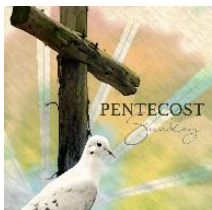
Anyone interested in joining us can call Elaine Salto 732-477-6332.



WORSHIP NEWS



Worship Committee



Pentecost Sunday is May 24, 2026.

Remember to wear **RED** for Pentecost.



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Thank You!

The food pantry team and our recipients are grateful for your generosity. If you would like to donate, the following are our most requested items:



Applesauce
Carrots
Chicken Broth
Chili
Coffee (instant/regular)
Jell-O

Luncheon Meat (Spam)
Mashed Potatoes
Pancake Mix
Ramen Noodles
Water
Juice boxes

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

Matthew 5:16



RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT



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!



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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

candy bars



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.



BLANKET SUNDAY IS MAY 10th



Help blanket the world with love by donating to the Blanket Sunday Offering on Mother's Day, May 10. 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!

- Mother's Day Flower Sale - 5/9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Blanket Sunday - 5/10
- 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.



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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 May

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 - 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.

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.



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



Please Note!

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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