

Good Tidings

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this almost two weeks before you will be reading it, such is the life of deadline writing, an art form that I've been working at and struggling with, for about a half-century! However I want to tell you about what I discovered at Brick Presbyterian Church today, June 14, where the wind of God is blowing!



I met, prior to worship, with two families who will be formally joining the congregation sometime over the summer and I listened as they spoke of the warmth they have felt as they have worshiped here. The wind of God is blowing!

During worship I saw the younger children surround the graduating Seniors in a circle of love and say "Thank you!" for being with them on so many Sundays, and for demonstrating what it means to be young and faithful! And I saw the looks of appreciation and understanding, as I told those graduates-to-be and the whole congregation, that they are our product as a Church. They are our missionaries to the wider world they will live in, our missionaries to all of the tomorrows that lie ahead of them. The wind of God is blowing!

And after worship I sat and watched as the teachers, children, and leaders of the education program were thanked. In an era when many congregations are shutting down their programs for children and teens, the educational ministry at BPC continues to fulfill Christ's words to his disciples, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them." The wind of God is blowing.

I don't know how much longer I will be with you; the Pastoral Nominating Committee is hard at work and I hope you will join me in prayers for their success! But I do know that I will always remember being with you on June 14, a day when so many different and beautiful pieces of faith seemed to come together and, in the mix of activities, songs, prayers, relationships, and laughter, I saw, I heard and I felt the wind of God blowing here at BPC.

Have a wonderful and refreshing summer and I look forward to seeing you in worship when you're not off vacationing!

Peace,
Jack Cherry



SUMMER WORSHIP



BPC will have an OUTDOOR worship service on **Sunday, August 9th, at 10:00 a.m., at Cherry Quay Beach, Port Rd., Brick.** Directions will be available. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, an announcement will be made to move the service to the FLC.



The Worship committee is hosting the **COFFEE HOUR** for this service at Cherry Quay Beach, immediately following worship.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Carvel Ice Cream Fundraiser is scheduled for **August 20th** from 5-8 p.m.
Location: 371 Brick Blvd., Drum Point Plaza
Come out for a cold, sweet treat!



candy bars



Sweet tooth!
Candy Bar Sale continues -- Get them while they last!

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.



BLUE CLAWS BASEBALL EVENT



BLUE CLAWS BALL GAME

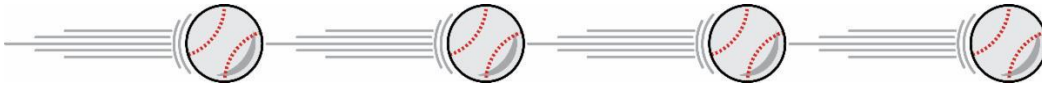
Ready for a night of fastballs, fun, and fellowship?

The Fellowship Committee has reserved a group of seats for Jersey Shore Blueclaws' Faith and Family Night game on **Thursday, August 27th at 7pm**. Family and friends, BPC members or not, are all welcome!

Tickets are \$13 each and will be on sale through August 13th.

The supply is limited so mark your calendars and get your tickets today! Add your names and requested number of tickets to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Michael Auriemma to reserve your seats (email michaelcauriemma@gmail.com or call/text 848-333-3625).

See you at the Ballpark!



RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

BPC was a supporting congregation at this year's event on June 7th at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Working with participants from other faith organizations in Brick, the team successfully packaged 10,000 meals in 1 hour and 15 minutes. Go team!



BLANKET SUNDAY THANK YOU!

"I was in need, and you cared for me." - Matthew 25:40

Thank you for your contributions of \$515 as we blanket the world in love through Church World Service.



DEACONS UPDATE



Deacons would like to thank all the Faithful Remnants participants who make hats, prayer squares, prayer shawls, and quilts!



HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

One - and - two - and - three - and - four - and..... Repeat..... Repeat..... Repeat....

The BPC Handbell Choir currently has several positions available. The skills needed are simple:

- Ability to count to 4 (one-and-two-and-three-and-four-and...)
- Have a normal sense of hearing
- Able to lift small, lightweight brass bells
- Available to meet once a week on Monday afternoon
- You are over the age of 14
- You are friendly and enjoy being part of a team



If this describes you, then WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR TEAM! A musical background is NOT a requirement. We train as needed.

If you are interested in joining our fun group, please speak with Bonnie Luton (our "Ringleader") or any member of the Handbell Choir, or just give us a ring. We break for the summer and resume playing in September. We meet Monday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. for an hour, and we typically play during Worship on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Ring us up!



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!

- Musical Theater Summer Camp - 7/6-7/17
- VBS - 7/19-7/23
- Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m. - 7/28
- Outdoor Worship at Cherry Quay Beach, 10 a.m. - 8/9
- Last day to purchase Blue Claws tickets - 8/13
- Carvel Ice Cream Social, 5-8 p.m. - 8/20
- Blue Claws game, 7 p.m. - 8/27



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 July & August

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.

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 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



SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY & AUGUST



Our Church Family Celebrates Our Staff
and Their Employment Anniversary
Pat Loboda, Administrative Assistant
will be starting her 11th year in July.
Thank you, Pat!
CONGRATULATIONS



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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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Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has
chosen as his heritage!

Psalm 33:12, ESV

Celebrating freedom —
in Christ and in our nation.

