

Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,



I have always had a bit of a love affair with the start of a New Year.

No, I haven't misread the calendar! I know that there are four months to get through before we need to learn to write 2027 on our checks, but one of the joys of my life - as a student, as a teacher, as a Pastor and just as a (somewhat) normal person - is that I have always lived with the rhythms of the Academic Year. And in my world, from the day that I started Kindergarten as a four year old, September has always been a month of excitement with new experiences, new people, and new ideas.

This year is no exception!

There are three windows, each year, when people in the community who are currently without a Church, or those who have simply drifted off a bit, are most likely to consider strengthening their relationship with God. The obvious two are the Holy Days of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. The third is right now in September, as family routines shift with new teachers, new schools for our children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends. Your job is to look around at the people you know, in your daily lives or morning mirrors, who may just need an invitation, a nudge, in God's direction and in the direction of Brick Presbyterian Church. Why not give it to them? Why not find a new place to participate yourself? Why not make God and worship a priority in this new program year?

Septembers are always exciting in Church Life and I'm looking forward to sharing this one with you all. . . and the other folks who you invite to join us.

Peace,
Jack Cherry

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DRESS A GIRL MINISTRY

The dresses made by our congregation are on their way to Costa Rica!
Thank you all for your donations!



FUNDRAISING UPDATE



THANK YOU!

The Carvel Ice Cream Fundraiser was a great success.

Thank you to those who participated – a wonderful time was had by all!

candy bars



Sweet tooth!

The Candy Sale will continue after services, while supplies last.

\$5.00 each or 2 for \$ 8.00.

We have 4 flavors -- dark chocolate, milk chocolate, chocolate w/almonds and milk chocolate w/Krispie.



Dine to Donate at

Tuscany Restaurant

Tuesday, September 15, or Wednesday, September 16

1490 Rt 88 W, Brick, NJ

Enjoy a delicious dinner!

10% of the proceeds will be donated to BPC.



Boscov's Coupon Sale is coming up!

Purchase a \$5 coupon and most items are 25% off on **October 21.**

If anyone is interested in helping sell the coupons, we have open dates up-to and prior-to the event. Your help is appreciated! Please contact Linda, 848.333.5119 or Lynn, 732.262.9362.

Visit the Fundraising table for coupons or more information.

Mums Sale

Orders for mums will be taken after church services. Prices are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.

Pick up your mums mid-September on Saturday, 10:00 to 2:00, and Sunday after Service; the pick up dates will be announced.



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.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS



Worship Committee

On Sunday, August 9th, we held our annual beach service — the sun was shining, the water was calm, and the service was beautiful. After the service we enjoyed fellowship with bagels and other light refreshments on the sand.



Would you like to be an acolyte and help lead our worship services? We would love to have you join this special ministry! If you're interested, please let us know.

We're also inviting anyone who would like to join the church worship committee.

Your ideas and enthusiasm can help make our worship experiences even more meaningful.

If you're interested in either opportunity, **please contact the church office, Melissa Brino (msbrino@gmail.com), or Tom Fortier (tfortier111@gmail.com).** We look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,
The Worship Committee



DEACONS CORNER



Blood Drive - Sept 29th -- details to follow in the bulletin.

Sewing and knitting groups are back in the mix for fall and winter.

A new supply of yarn and material can be found in the closet on the first floor by the Parlor.
Please help yourself and keep this ministry going.



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!



TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE



Saturday, October 3

8:00am-2:00pm

Buy a table for \$5

OR

**Donate items for Youth Group to sell
For the Earn Your Wings Project**

Contact the church office for further information.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING



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“What does the Lord require of you ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8

Loving kindness is one of the most beautiful threads woven throughout the Old Testament. Again and again, we are reminded that the people we meet are not strangers or enemies but beloved children of God. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome and to make room at the table for all God’s children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness, and steadfast commitment. It means making sure there is a place for everyone at Christ’s communion table, at the tables in our homes, among our friends and families, and here in our life together as a church. Loving kindness is the work of making sure every person is seen, every person knows they are loved by God, and every person has what they need to flourish — because that is what God desires for all of us.

This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to receive the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider church in the work of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God’s mission of welcome, justice, and hope.

*World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 4, and **the World Communion Offering will take place in our church on October 11.***

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!

- Blue Claws game, 7pm - 8/27
- Mums Sale - On-going
- Tuscany Restaurant fundraiser - 9/15 & 9/16
- Blood Drive - 9/29
- Town-Wide Yard Sale, 8am-2pm - 10/3
- World Communion Offering received - 10/11
- Boscov's Coupon Sale Event - 10/21



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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



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:

Carrots
Corn
Chicken Broth
Chili
Ramen Noodles
Coffee (instant/regular)
Jell-O

Mashed Potatoes
Pasta O's
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Water bottles
Corn Muffin Mix
Crackers
Snacks (chips)



HELP NEEDED

Updated for September

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



SPECIAL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER



9/7



9/11



9/22



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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