Good Tidings

The Newsletter of Brick Presbyterian Church **November 2026**



111 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723
Office: 732-477-0676
Website: www.BrickPresby.com
Email: Brick.Presbyterian@Verizon.net
Rev. Jack Cherry, Pastor

Pastor's message

Dear Friends,

There are so many arguments that I have never understood.

Arguments about pork roll versus Taylor Ham, I love them both whatever you call them!

Or arguments over the existence/non-existence of Central Jersey! I lived there for more than half of my life and can testify that the middle ground of the Garden State (Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties) is distinctly and dramatically different than the eight northern counties or the nine to the south! (Oops, I may have just opened up another silly argument!)

That comes to mind, at this time of the year, when I listen to otherwise rational and faithful people argue against the use of the phrase "Holiday Season" as if the Kingdom of God's power and holiness hangs in the balance! In my world the Holiday (from the root "Holy") Season begins on the day after Election Day, when we are freed from the nastiness and anger of the political campaigns, and extends through Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Years, and finally wraps up with Valentine's Day and/or the Super Bowl, both of which fall on Sunday, February 14 this year . . . which should lead to some interesting conversations!

I just don't understand the argument! In our home there are also a couple of birthdays mixed in there, and we celebrate some of the big things, like Thanksgiving and Christmas, on several different days to fit the calendars of family and friends! So it is helpful to have an Umbrella Title, like "Holiday Season", to include all of the special events (Baking Days, Decorating Days, Tree Up Day, Pajama-Do-Nothing Day) that recur or pop-up from one year to the next!

So let me be the first, perhaps, to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season as it starts with the gratitude of November! And I urge you to include so many of the great activities and opportunities in our Worship and other programs so that you keep the Holy in your Holiday Season!

Peace,
Jack Cherry

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanksgiving Pies – Fundraiser

Delicious and Freshly Baked at
Cameo Cakes - Brielle, NJ
All proceeds benefit Brick Presbyterian Church Missions.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FLAVOR	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
Apple Lattice		$25	
Apple Crumb		$25	
Peach Lattice		$25	
Peach Crumb		$25	
Blueberry Lattice		$25	
Blueberry Crumb		$25	
Cherry Lattice		$25	
Cherry Crumb		$25	
Pumpkin Pie		$25	
Lemon Meringue Pie		$30	
Pecan Pie		$30	
Mince Pie		$30	
Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb		$30	
TOTAL		---	$

ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY NOV. 8, 2026. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BPC.
PIES ARE FRESHLY BAKED; **MUST BE PICKED UP AT CHURCH ON TUESDAY, NOV. 24.**
NO CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER NOV. 8
ALL PIES ARE FREEZABLE! THANK YOU AND ENJOY!
OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Rec'd: _____ Cash _____ Ck. # _____ Ck. Amt. _____

You can pick up your order form at the fundraising table. Remember that orders must be received by November 8!

Time to Order Wreaths & Grave Blankets



Decorate your home with a beautiful 26" Balsam Wreath, price $30.00.

Grave blankets are $50.00.

Place your order soon -- **Last day to order is Sunday, Nov. 1**.
Delivery/Pick Up dates to be determined.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR ON-GOING FUNDRAISERS

Ink Cartridges Collection
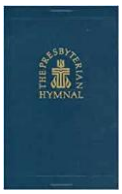
Bring them in and deposit them in the designated black trash can at the entry to the FLC. ***Proceeds help with the cost of printing for the church committees for special events.***

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.



DEACONS CORNER



As we enter November and the season of gratitude & Thanksgiving, we have so much to be grateful for. However, there are many in our community that face food challenges, and this time of the year brings added scarcity. For many years we have distributed food boxes to Ladacin & Brick schools, a few times per year, for families that are in need of this.

Our food pantry is facing a shortage as we head into the holiday season. The demand for assistance has increased and our shelves are running low at a time when families need our support the most. We, the deacons, are reaching out to you for donations for our Thanksgiving schools food boxes. The following items are the ones we need the most:

- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Mashed potatoes
- Peanut butter
- Green beans
- Peas
- Yams
- Mac & cheese
- Apple sauce

Please mark your donation "For the benefit of Schools food boxes." We deeply appreciate your generosity, compassion and steadfast commitment to serving our community. Your support is a true reflection of God's love.

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving! Thank you and may God bless you all.

The Deacons of Brick Presbyterian Church

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

Join us for a BPC family dedication on Generosity Sunday, November 15th

We welcome you to the family table at BPC – a place where all are welcome, where we can worship, fellowship with one another, and share our gifts and talents with our faith community and in ministries for our locale and beyond.

As we plan for 2027, we are encouraging you to prayerfully consider how you can share your time, talent, and prayers as we allow God to work through each of us and BPC spiritually, physically and financially.

Please return the Planned Giving card mailed to you or found in the church on any Sunday. We will have a dedication of the cards received on **Generosity Sunday, November 15th.**

Your Partners in Christ,
The Stewardship and Benevolence Committee

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

VETERANS DAY SERVICE



Our Veterans Day service will take place **November 8th** at 10:00 a.m.

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT



The Worship Committee will be decorating the church for Advent on Saturday, **November 28, at 10:00 a.m.** Please join us if you are able. Thank you for helping us make the church festive for this season.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Some Noteworthy Announcements

Throughout November, we have several special musical offerings planned to enrich our worship together. Many hours of preparation, along with the time and talents of our dedicated musicians, go into making these services possible. We wanted to share a few highlights in advance so that you can mark your calendars and join us for these meaningful worship experiences.

Sunday, November 1 – A Beautiful Communion Sunday

Join us for a special morning of worship as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our choir will be joined by a wonderful ensemble of instrumentalists featuring flute, violin, cello, and piano. Together, they will offer beautiful music to enrich our worship and prepare our hearts for Communion. We look forward to sharing this meaningful service with you!

Sunday, November 8 – Honoring Our Veterans

As we gather in worship, we will take a moment to recognize and honor the brave men and women who have served our country. With grateful hearts, we will give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy, including the dedication and sacrifices of our veterans. Bob Orlofsky will share a special, prayerful musical offering as we reflect on God's faithfulness, grace, and enduring presence in our lives.

Sunday, November 29 – The First Sunday of Advent: Hope

The season of Advent begins with a celebration of HOPE! Join us for a special service featuring contemporary Christian music presented by Sharon Thomas, Christy Tompkins, and Edmond Murphy, along with instrumentalists Cindy Dwyer and Mike Kaminski. Through music and worship, we will prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and celebrate the hope found in God's promises.

FAITHFUL REMNANTS



Reminder -- There is now YARN and MATERIAL available in the downstairs closet by the food pantry for anyone interested in helping with creating blankets, prayer squares, shawls, OR ANYTHING ELSE you might want to knit or crochet.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS

Help BPC's Youth Group to Fundraise with their Angel Wings Project by supporting their upcoming events!



Youth Group Bake Sale

Sunday, November 1

Jolly Jamboree Auditions: Calling all Singers!

Submit a video of you winging your favorite Christmas song! Include your resume and a list of your top 3 favorite Christmas songs to sing.

Video submissions are due no later than Sunday, November 1st.

The show date is December 18th in the FLC.

Questions and submissions, contact Lauren Dyke.

Calling All Vendors:

Are you looking to showcase your product or services to a vibrant and engaged audience? Then be a vendor at the **BPC HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR on Nov. 21** from 10AM to 4PM - Price $20.00.
For more info, speak with Lauren Dyke.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- Last day to order Wreaths & Grave Blankets - 11/1
- YG Bake Sale - 11/1
- Jolly Jamboree submissions due - 11/1
- Veterans Day service, 10am - 11/8
- Last day to order Thanksgiving pies - 11/8
- Generosity Sunday - 11/15
- Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, 10am-4pm - 11/21
- Pick up Pie orders - 11/24
- Church Decorating for Advent, 10am - 11/28
- Jolly Jamboree Show - 12/18

See the Events tab on the BPC web site for further details.



HELP NEEDED

Updated for November

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.

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.

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***







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.

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER



11/1



11/11



11/26

BPC ONLINE GIVING

BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please go to www.brickpresby.com/give-now/, and click on the "GIVE NOW" button to make an online donation to Brick Presbyterian Church.

Follow BPC on facebook, Instagram, & YouTube

getCONNECTED

