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All Are Welcome

Help Rebuild Haiti

A Benefit Concert
Featuring Haitian Born Piano Virtuosos

The Altino Brothers



Sunday, October 3, 4 P.M.
The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge

Along with the Senior Choir and the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir.

All proceeds to benefit *Foundation for Peace*.

No ticket needed. Donations will be accepted.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. First come, first serve seating.

Babysitting available for children under age 5.

See page 4 for details.

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Exploring Membership Class

October 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Are you interested in becoming a member?

Come explore membership with us at this class.

See page 8 for details.

Celebrating Rev. Tex Culton

October 17 at 11:15 a.m.

Come thank and honor Tex
for his ministry among us.

See page 11 for details.

Family Worship Service

October 24 at 10 a.m.

All families welcome to this
service geared for children.

See page 8 for details.

New Meeting Times for Youth Programs

Middle School Fellowship:

Sundays, 5 p.m. (See p. 7 for details)

Chancel Choir: Sundays, 6 p.m.

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I believe it was Eve who first said to Adam in the Garden of Eden, "Dear, we are living in a time of change." And so it is with us.

I am a creature of habit. I like everything to stay the same. The only problem is, life doesn't always work that way. Change and transition are not only unavoidable, but generally the only pathway to real growth in our lives . . . and more specifically, in our faith.

October brings with it a number of extremely significant changes in the life of our church. On Sunday, October 17, Tex Culton completes his faithful and meaningful ministry among us as Temporary Associate Pastor. His thirteen months in Basking Ridge have been filled with much love and laughter, and his presence and ministry has been a gift to me and to all of us in ways that words can't quite describe. On October 17 Tex will preach, he and Maureen and I will together lead worship, and following worship there will be a reception in his honor that you will not want to miss!

October not only marks an ending, it marks a beginning. On Monday, October 18, we anticipate (trusting in the final confirmation of the Holy Spirit at the September 26 congregational meeting which is still a week away as I write this!) that Maureen Paterson will begin her ministry as a permanent Associate Pastor. We give thanks to God for the immeasurable blessing that she has already been to this community of faith in the past 3 years in the role of Director of Youth and Education Ministries. And we give thanks to God for the leadership and faith and inspiration that she will bring in this new role that God has called her to of Associate Pastor with a focus in the areas of adult spiritual formation, mission, and pastoral care.

Amidst Tex's departure and Maureen's shift to the new role of Associate Pastor, our Session has wisely instructed the Personnel Council to establish a search committee to prayerfully seek a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and a Director of Children and Family Ministry (each are part-time positions). They have done so, and by the time you read this they will already have begun their work! The search committee members are Peggy Eicher (chairperson), Heather Creelman, Gary Ingram, Margaret Klippel, and Nancy Witwer.

We are also tremendously blessed this month to welcome to our staff Susanna Miller, in the position of Director of Music for Youth Choir and Handbells. Susanna brings a great deal of experience serving in large and vibrant churches, an authentic and contagious faith in Christ, and a love for young people. Please seek her out and welcome her, encourage your middle school and senior high students to become part of our growing and spirited Chancel Choir, and consider joining one of our two wonderful Bell Choirs that she will be directing.

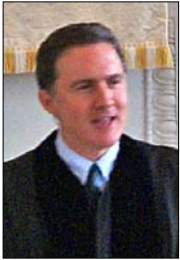
In the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes it is written, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . . a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance . . ."

And so, this month, it is for us. I ask you to please pray for Tex as he tries once again to actually retire and slow down a bit. Pray for Maureen as she completes one memorable chapter and begins a new one. Pray for the members of the search committee as they faithfully seek the individuals God has in mind to fill these vital positions. Pray for Susanna as she becomes part of our leadership team and she joins her abundant gifts with ours. And pray that all of us together might strive anew toward worshipping and serving and loving the God we have come to know in Jesus Christ – a God who is infinite, all-merciful, and never-changing.

In the love of Christ,



Dennis W. Jones, Pastor



**Rev. Dennis
W. Jones**

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Highlights from the September 7, 2010 Meeting

Joanna Wittig, Communications Coordinator, made a presentation on the Church's new website which hopefully will become live sometime next month.

A revised position description for the Administrative Assistant for Worship & Pastoral Ministries, a position currently filled by Cara Burchett, was approved to reflect the actual functions and working time of this position.

Ruth Bashe, on behalf of the Worship and Music Council, received approval to have a request in the October Oak Leaves for special gifts from the congregation for "Friends of Music." We also began a discussion on the possibility of making a change to our Christmas Eve worship schedule. All present agreed to pray in the month ahead for a sense of what God is calling us to do.

Fran Mustaro, Chair of Interpretation and Stewardship Council, reported on the Council's focus on the fall Stewardship campaign.

Chuck Miller, Chair of Mission Council, reported that "Foundation for Peace" will be the recipient of the funds from the Haiti relief concert on October 3.

Nancy Bedner, Chair of Invitation and Membership Council, reported that the next new members' class will be on October 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the parlor.

Continuing with the review of Church Membership, Nancy Bedner, presented a motion that a number of out-of-town members be placed on the inactive rolls. A meaningful discussion followed on our vision of what it means to be an active member, and a modified motion was approved.

Ashley Bastow
Ruth Bashe
Nancy Bedner
Rob Brown
Dorothy Dameo
Peggy Eicher
Jim Felter
George Fricke
Charles King
Shirley Klippel
John Kuhn
Amy Melick
Chuck Miller
Linda Mills
Fran Mustaro
Claire Pratt
Mike Rountree
Molly Schulenburg
Craig Sutherland
Cindy VanderVoort
Ken Warman

Moderator
Rev. Dennis W. Jones
Clerk of Session
Dick Fryling
Assistant Clerk
Don Wadsworth

DEACONS

Updates from the Deacons

The Board of Deacons has been busy over the summer months and into the new church year, caring for and supporting members of our congregation. Please contact us if you have a need.

In addition, we have taken on additional initiatives of note.

- A Focus Group was formed last April to review the Deacon's role and spiritual direction at BRPC. The Group meets monthly and expects to present initial recommendations to the Board in November. This important introspection may help identify new approaches to meeting the Deacon mission at BRPC.
- Plans are in place for a Deacon Retreat in early November. The retreat will introduce new Deacons to servant-leadership, provide education to all Deacons on a wide range of topics, as well as set aside time to reflect on personal commitment and spiritual renewal.

Muriel Anderson
Pamela Blackstone
Debbie Carroll
Dan Comperati
Jean Dorr
Joanne Hamilton
Florence Henry
Ingeborg Hartwig
Mary Jane Hoare
Joanne Howell
William Hull
Ellen Johnson
Barbara Knudson
Connie Ledder
Jean Loizeaux

Susan Pape
Cooper Pearson
Ryan Poehner
Suzanne Price
John Schulenburg
Karen Skoglund
Jann Slapin
Moderator
Jenny Speal
Vice-Moderator
Helen Mallon
Secretary
Patti Williams

The Board of Deacons would like to thank the congregation for your participation as Sunday morning greeters, serving coffee after the 10 a.m. service, and supporting refreshments after memorial and funeral services. Your response to our call for service is much appreciated and your continued participation helps make our church a more welcoming and nurturing community of faith. Remember, as Jesus showed in the feeding of five thousand with five loaves and two fish, a little bit in God's hand goes a long way.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Highlights for September 13, 2010 meeting

The annual township fire inspection was performed last week on the church buildings. Janet Bentley reported that it is the best inspection we have had in years with only a minimal number of items that will need to be addressed.

In preparation for the Joint Budget Committee meeting on October 13, letters were sent out to all councils asking for their budget requests for next year. Jeff Sell discussed the need for the church to try to budget more money for church improvements/maintenance to cover the cost of potential roofing work as well as general maintenance that will need to be done within the next few years. Tom Fitzsimons is in the process of putting together a report for improvement and maintenance projects, i.e. roofing, painting, carpeting, furnishings, HVAC systems, so that the church will know when items need to be repaired or replaced and what the cost will be.

Details were finalized for a clergy housing agreement in connection with the Terms of Call of Maureen Paterson as our new Associate Pastor. There was revision to the Housing Equity Investment Agreement entered into with Reverend Jones.

Trustees wish to acknowledge all of the church members and Tree House families who volunteered to paint and spruce up the lower level of the Education Building over the summer. The hallways and bathrooms have been repainted and the bathroom floors were regROUTED. Many thanks to all the volunteers!

The Youth Center project is almost complete. Thanks to the Boy Scouts as well as Dick Bedner and Dan Cokewood for ripping up the old carpeting from that huge space. The walls have been painted and new carpet tiles were installed. The Finley Ave. entrance stairwell was also repainted, and there is a new refrigerator in the kitchen and freshly-painted kitchen cabinets.

In the Westminster Hall kitchen, Bob Tallaksen and his crew sheet rocked a portion of the ceiling and hung new fluorescent light fixtures.

The pavers in front of the Church House building were reset so that we won't have a puddle/icing condition there this coming winter.

The Tree House will be presenting a concert by *Mister Ray* who will perform in Westminster Hall on September 24. Pizza will be available as well as a bake sale. There will be a suggested donation for this event.

Dick Bedner
Diana Boquist
Dan Cokewood
Butch Cooper
Doug Dunn
Tom Fitzsimons
Stephanie Link
Jacob Mathew
Jeff Sell

Secretary
Kathy Graback

Treasurer
Janet Bentley

MISSION

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About the Altino Brothers (www.thealtinobrothers.com) - Coming from poverty-stricken Haiti to Queens, NY is not the typical route most piano virtuosos follow, but it is their humble beginning that fueled the Altino Brothers' determination to develop their musical talents to world class levels. Their dynamic performances have earned them rave reviews for their interpretations of the classical masters and for their creative original renditions of church hymns, gospel and popular tunes. They have performed in concert halls and churches throughout the U.S. including Yale University's Woolsey Hall and The Library of Congress and drew capacity crowds at both Lincoln Center and The Riverside Church in NYC. At the concert, the Altino Brothers will be selling their recent live concert CD, *Classical with a Twist* for \$15 with \$5 going to the *Foundation For Peace*.

About The Foundation for Peace (www.foundationforpeace.org) - This New Jersey based organization partners and works hand-in-hand with local community members and churches in Haiti, enabling projects to be determined by the local people. The Foundation is unique because it aids both people harmed by the earthquake and people in the area where the earthquake victims have settled. The proceeds of the concert will specifically go to maintaining a newly constructed high school, which also has enough classrooms to provide primary education to children in the refugee Camp Hope. (For earthquake victims from Port-Au-Prince.) Also, the concert funds will help build a school complex to provide skills for economic development and purified water.

Help Eradicate Poverty One Bead at a Time



Bead for Life
Eradicating
Poverty
One Bead
at a Time®



On Sunday, October 17, after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. services, you will have the opportunity to purchase beaded jewelry from Uganda made from recycled paper. Many of the beaders are HIV+ mothers or refugees. They are paid fair trade prices for their work. All net proceeds from this sale are invested in programs that fight extreme poverty in the areas of health, housing, sustainable livelihood, and education.

The prices range from a \$6.00 Bangle Bracelet to a \$35.00 5-Strand Necklace. Only checks and cash will be accepted for payment.

Come and support BeadforLife and begin your Christmas shopping early!



A Giving Suggestion

A fellow church member shared a story the other day. One of her young children had a birthday coming up and he of course wanted to have a party. She agreed, but she also used this as a wonderful teaching moment. She pointed out that he already had more toys and games than he could possibly use, so "how about if we have the party but ask your guests to bring something for the food bank instead of the usual gifts?" He agreed and, from this, sprung a beautiful win-win-win situation!!! Her son learned more about what it means to give from the heart, as did his friends, and many food bank families will benefit.

Thank you, BRPC, for your continued support of the Food Bank!!!

If you choose to donate by check, please make it payable to BRPC, and note on it that it is for the food bank. Please do not put the check in with food donations; please put it in the offering plate so it doesn't get overlooked.

We collect donations the first and third Sundays of every month.

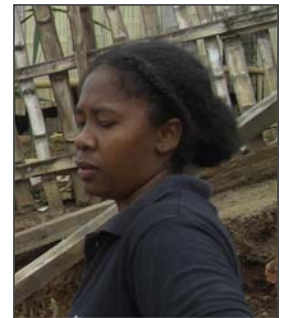
Ecuador Stories: *Providing a Better Life*

From the June 2009 Mission Trip to Guayaquil, Ecuador - *Building Homes of Hope*

On our last mission trip to Ecuador, we built a house for a family with the help of the family's neighbor, Betty. Betty worked like two people, digging, hauling, hammering, and lifting. We observed that Betty lived in a temporary shack she had put together, so before we left we arranged that Betty and her children would get a Hogar home. We admired Betty, but only now, after receiving a letter from Hogar de Cristo asking to make a loan to help Betty support her family, do we know her story.

Betty Hurtado is Colombian and a single mother of five children. She and her four older children traveled to Ecuador in a canoe as refugees fleeing from the guerrillas. After falling in love, Betty came to live in Guayaquil. The man was good to Betty and they had a son together, but he had many problems with Betty's other children and, for their wellbeing, she left him and began to work preparing food and selling it on the street. To do this, she had to wake at dawn to cook and then she and her children carried the baskets of food to the place where she could sell the food. Because she needed the older children's help, they could not attend school.

Betty, wanting a better life and education for her children, went to Hogar to seek help to continue her work in a way that would allow her to feed her family and not rely on their help. Betty asked Hogar for a loan from the emergency fund we set up, so she can buy a tricycle to transport the food to a place where she can sell it so that she can give their children "the life they deserve." Thanks to the emergency fund set up through BRPC and the Pluckemin Church, Betty will get her loan and her family will have a better future.



Betty Hurtado, a single mother of five, is working to give her children "the life they deserve."

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH

Update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

It is with great joy that we present Maureen Paterson as our nominee for Associate Pastor. Our committee is unanimous in our belief that our prayers have been answered and we are blessed that Maureen feels called to work with our Head of Staff, Dennis Jones, to usher our congregation into a very exciting and fruitful era for Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Over the course of our 13 month search, we had the opportunity to meet several outstanding candidates, and after many hours of prayerful discernment, our committee feels that Maureen is the person to whom God has led us. During our many conversations with Maureen, she shared the journey of faith she has taken thus far and the journey she believes God is leading her toward for the future. We are inspired by her vision and believe she will bring many special gifts to the role of Associate Pastor, including compassionate care to congregational members in need, deep spirituality to the development of small group ministries and adult education and experienced leadership to the local, domestic and international mission programs to which BRPC is so devoted.

We all know the deep love and spiritual guidance that Maureen has shown our congregation during her service as the Director of Youth and Education over the past few years, and we remain forever grateful and even awed by the leadership she provided us when she assumed the role of acting Head of Staff last summer. Her energy, her devotion to our beloved church and her faith in God and in us gave us hope and strength during some unusually difficult times. Now, as we call her to the Associate Pastor position, we believe Maureen will play a vital role as we look to the future, where we hope to inspire our members to become the blessed church God is calling us to be.

On Sunday, September 26, there will be only one service at 10 a.m. during which Maureen will be preaching her candidating sermon. After the service, we will hold a meeting of the congregation to vote upon this call.

Following the meeting and vote, we invite everyone to Westminster Hall for a celebration in honor of Maureen and her family.

Faithfully yours, *The APNC*

Joan Anson, *Chair*
Matthew Dresner
Ellen Johnson
Ed Landis
Mike Rountree
Debbie Schaub
Jane Sell

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Education Forum

Join us for this Sunday Morning Adult Education Forum meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Church House Parlor. Childcare can be provided if pre-arranged.

Compassionate Communication Sunday, October 31, Led by Linda Mills

Learn how we can create an atmosphere of love and compassion for ourselves as well as others. Being compassionate is not about being nice; it is about being authentic with caring, respect & kindness for ourselves & others. Come discover:

- How to Communicate with "Difficult" People
- How to Speak My Truth While Respecting Others
- How to Get My Needs Met Without Making Others Wrong
- How to Deal with "Difficult" Emotions

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Next Men's Luncheon on Thursday October 21



Rev. Beringer and Rev. Culton will be the next guest speakers

Our next men's luncheon will be at 12 noon in the Church House Parlor on October 21, 2010. Gary Ingram is preparing another delicious luncheon. The Reverend Tex Culton, who spent 40 years at the Frenchtown Church and the Reverend Bob Beringer who soon will celebrate fifty years as a Presbyterian Minister will together reflect on some of the humorous and yet amazing experiences of God's grace and presence in their years of ministry. To make a reservation, call the church office at 766.1616. Lunch donation is \$7.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Church Officer Nominations - Do you feel called?

Our church officer nominating committee is beginning its work of prayerfully seeking those members whom God might be calling to serve as Church Officers beginning in 2011. We need to nominate officers for the positions of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Nominating committee members and a Financial Review committee member.

If you are feeling called to one of these ministries or know of someone you would like to recommend, we welcome your participation and suggestions. Any of us would be happy to discuss with you the specific duties and responsibilities of each office. Please leave your recommendations in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the Church House or call Cindy VanderVoort at 908.204.9167. Thank you for giving this your thoughtful consideration.

Cindy VanderVoort
Chair

Dick Bedner
Dawn Domans

Susan Felter
Joanne Hamilton

Rudy Hyzer
Gary Ingram

Don Wadsworth

YOUTH

Middle School Fellowship

New meeting time!

Calling all 6-8 graders to Middle School fellowship at the all new time of **Sunday evening at 5 p.m.** in the Youth Center. Plan to join us for fun, games, activities and discussion time. We will also plan some fun outings throughout the year. Join us and bring a friend.

Senior High Fellowship

Don't miss another fun and exciting year of fellowship. We will meet in the new and improved youth center on Sundays at 7:15 p.m. with pizza. We will have fun discussion topics, outings and games. Our regular meeting nights for October are Sundays Oct. 3, 10 and 17. On October 24 we will have our annual fall outing - exciting details will follow. No meeting on October 31.

Senior High Bible Study



Join with other senior high students for a small group Bible study at the home of Roger and Claire Pratt each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. throughout the fall. New members are always welcome so come when you can. Homemade cookies are always available!! Contact the Church Office for more information or directions.

TREE HOUSE

Updates from the Tree House Child Caring Center

Starting the School Year with a New Look

We are off to a wonderful start at The Tree House. Time was spent over the summer giving the school a fresh new look. The hallways and bathrooms were painted, the floors were polished and the classrooms were set up to welcome the children. Thanks to Dick Bedner, Betsy Fryling, Jen Nowack and Rob Quincy for their tireless painting efforts in addition to the Board of Directors and Janet Bentley who helped make this happen. You gave your time so freely and the school looks warm, bright and inviting.

Mr. Ray Concert

As this went to print, we hosted a Mr. Ray concert for the school and the Basking Ridge community and we expect it to be a fun filled night for everyone. Mr. Ray is a popular musician who focuses on children's music and is loved and admired by many. Thank you to The Tree House families and to the local community for supporting our school.

Striving to Make The Tree House the Best it Can Be

We are excited about this school year as we strive to make The Tree House the best it can be. We welcome our returning families and the new ones as well. We especially show tribute to our staff who have been at The Tree House for so many years and who are the true spirit of the school.

Above all we need, particularly as children, the reassuring presence of a visible community, an intimate group that enfolds us with understanding and love, and that becomes an object of our spontaneous loyalty, as a criterion and point of reference for the rest of the human race. ~ Lewis Mumford

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School Updates

The education building is alive with the sounds of children eager to learn and have fun on Sunday mornings during Sunday school time. Our two and three year olds and pre-K classes meet in the Rankin and Finley rooms respectively and are staffed by a wonderful and caring group of volunteers. If your child is now old enough for this group but you haven't yet had the chance to come along please feel free to drop in any Sunday and observe the classes.



We invite new and potential shepherds and teachers to join us for this new year of Sunday School. To find out more about the many ways you can support this program or to sign up, please contact Shirley Klippel, chair of the Children and Family Ministry Committee, at 908.647.5216 or shirley@klippel.com.

Our first rotation has focused on the many ways that we encounter God in Scripture and will be the focus of our family worship service on October 24. Please be sure to be there for that exciting time of worship.

Third Grade Bibles

On Sunday, October 24 during the family worship service we will be honoring our third graders by gifting them with a Bible. This is a special time in the life of these students and their families and we hope they will all be able to join us on that morning. If your child is a third grader and wants to receive a Bible please call the church office no later than October 18 to allow us time to inscribe the Bibles with appropriate names.

Family Worship Service October 24 at 10 a.m. *Images of God*

Our first Family Worship service will be held on Sunday, October 24 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us as we are led in worship by our children's choirs and we share some of our reflections on what we have studied in Sunday School during the last few weeks. Our third graders will also receive their Bibles during this service. It will be a great day of celebration.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Celebrating Beth Donley

Beth Donley has been serving as Director of Children's Music Ministry here at BRPC for five years! We so appreciate her creative, enthusiastic and loving leadership with the children of our congregation. Beth leads Little Spirit and the Cherub Choir of 3, 4, and 5 year old children, the Carol Choir for grades 1 and 2, and the Spirit Choir for grades 3-5. It is such a joy for all of us to watch and to listen as Beth leads the children in song during worship. In addition Beth also has led the music for Vacation Bible School each summer bringing joy, memorable songs and musical activities to all the children. What a gift she is to our congregation! Congratulations, Beth, on your fifth anniversary.

Beth has also finished two years of a three year certification program at the Choristers Guild Institute. This Institute, held for six days each summer at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, is for directors of young singers in a Christian church or school setting. The core faculty includes top nationally recognized leaders in the area of church and choral music education. Congratulations, Beth. We are all proud of you and pleased that you have been able to accomplish this.

Please congratulate Beth when you see her on her fifth anniversary and her accomplishment at the Choristers Guild Institute.



Beth Donley celebrates 5 years leading our youngest members in choir

Friends of Music

at The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge

Music is ringing throughout the Knox Room once again. Choir rehearsals have begun! Singers and bell ringers are preparing to praise God and lead our congregation in worship each Sunday.

We have many exciting music events planned for this program year – special anthems by all our choirs at festival services, music services by the Oratorio Choir at Christmas and in the spring. In addition, we will have our Jazz Sunday Service the Sunday before Lent begins and our Music and Meditation Services during Lent. We hope you can be here for all these wonderful special music events.

Special music services don't just happen. They require extra time and effort by choir members, soloists and instrumentalists, and **special gifts** from members and friends of the congregation who are moved and drawn closer to God through music. The generosity of so many of you in this congregation has enabled us to present special music events in the past. We invite you to play an important role in the music ministry of this congregation once again by making a contribution to the *Friends of Music in Basking Ridge* this year. We accept gifts for our music fund at any time during the year, but this is our *special invitation* for you to give to this fund this year. Gifts of any amount will be greatly appreciated. There are no funds from the general budget for special music.

Most of all, we want you and your friends and family to be with us for all the special music events planned for this year. Mark your calendars now!

Special Music Events

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Sunday, December 5 at 4 & 6:30 P.M.
A service of lessons and carols by the Oratorio Choir, Chancel Choir, Knox Bell Choir, Instruments and Organ.

Jazz Sunday

March 6, 2011

Lenten Music and Meditation Services

Five Wednesdays at Noon During Lent
March 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13

Requiem

by Gabriel Fauré
Sunday, March 27
Oratorio Choir, Soloists and Orchestra

Children's Musical

Sunday, May 22

Friends of Music in Basking Ridge

Please accept my donation for the *Friends of Music in Basking Ridge* for 2010 – 2011.

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of Gift _____

Please return this form with your check (payable to "The Presbyterian Church") to:
The Presbyterian Church
1 East Oak Street
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

The names of all donors will be listed in the Oratorio Choir programs this year.

CHURCH FAMILY

Births

Charlie Michael Dresner, daughter of Michael and Stephanie Dresner, granddaughter of Sue and Mark Dresner, born August 12, 2010.

Abigail Elizabeth Kahnt, daughter of David & Rebecca Kahnt, granddaughter of Jane & Warren Kahnt, great-granddaughter of Gloria & Jack Pilkington, born September 4, 2010.

Weddings

Holly Ann Villepique (former member) and **John Kevin Hickey**, married July 31, 2010.

Deaths

*Prayers of help and comfort
for the families of:*

David Walden, former member on his death, August 6, 2010.

(If you would like to sign up for email notifications of losses in our church family, please contact Cara Burchett at 908.766.1616 x19 or cburchett@brpc.org.)

Helping with Funeral and Memorial Service Receptions

This is an opportunity to provide needed support in helping congregation members during their time of need. The Deacons are looking for volunteers to support the Deacon Hospitality Committee, supporting receptions following funeral and memorial services. Responsibilities include setting up for receptions, providing refreshments and clean-up. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Speal at 908.625.4455.

Exploring Membership Class - October 10, 2010

We extend a warm invitation to our next "Exploring Membership" class, on Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church House Parlor (located across the street from the Sanctuary). This is an excellent opportunity to share about your own faith journey, and learn more about the beliefs and ministry of our church.

Toward the end of the class, you will have an opportunity to meet with members of our Session (the governing body for Presbyterian churches) and prayerfully consider whether you feel called to formally become a member and affirm, or re-affirm, your faith in Jesus Christ. Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. We promise to send you home by 2 p.m. New members from this class will be welcomed into membership at worship on Sunday, October 17 at 10 a.m. If interested in attending, please contact the church office at 908.766.1616.

Flapjack Fest - Save the Date!



Don't miss the Flapjack Fest on Sunday, **November 14** in Westminster Hall from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Come enjoy some hot pancakes (and warm curried fruit!) with your church family. A free-will offering is welcome.

You're invited...

Bon Voyage: Pastor Tex

On Sunday, October 17, 2010 we will be holding a "Bon Voyage" party for Pastor Tex Culton and his wife, Kendel. The party will be held in Westminster Hall and will begin immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service. There will be much food, fun and fellowship. Please plan to come and say goodbye and thanks to Pastor Tex for his service. Also, plan to wear clothes with sea-going style. We want to send him off with all the care and love he has shown us. This party will replace our regular coffee hour, and there will be no Adult Forum on October 17.

~Ken Warman, Cruise Coordinator



(Charlie Church Mouse by Herb Ryder)

OCTOBER

Upcoming Special Events Sundays in September

October 3

Help Rebuild Haiti Benefit Concert, 4 p.m.

October 10

Exploring Membership Class, 11:30 a.m.

October 17

*"Bon Voyage" Celebration for
Rev. Tex Culton, 11:15 a.m.*

October 24

Senior High Annual Fall Outing

October 31

Stewardship Sermon Series Begins

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A Typical October Week at the Church

SUNDAY

Worship	8:30 & 10 a.m.
Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour	11:15 a.m.
Book Group	11:15 a.m.
Adult Education Forum	11:30 a.m.
Middle School Fellowship	5 p.m.
Chancel Choir	6 p.m.
Senior High Fellowship	7:15 p.m.
Adult Small Group Study	7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Little Spirit	3:45 p.m.
Tai Chi	7:15 p.m.
Council and Board Meetings	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Oak Tree Quilters	9:30 a.m.
Alpha Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
Knox Bell Choir	7:30 p.m.
Adult Small Group Study	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Women's Meditation Group	8:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Children's Spirit Program	3:45 p.m.
Senior High Bible Study	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boy Scout Troop #351	7:30 p.m.
Senior Choir	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Men's Coffee & Conversation	7:30 a.m.
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*Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up, as indeed
you are doing. The grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I Thessalonians 5:11, 28

Statement of Purpose

Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

God calls the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church to be a living community and light to the world, guided by the Holy Spirit and transmitting God's love revealed through Christ Jesus. In response to God's call, we seek to realize the Kingdom of God as we

WELCOME everyone into our community with open arms,

CARE for each other both in times of joy and in times of sorrow,

WORSHIP together creatively and enthusiastically in gratitude to God,

PREPARE each other through Bible-based education and open discussion to

SERVE Jesus Christ as disciples in local and global ministry and to

SHARE our wealth, time, talents and faith with the world.

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SERMONS AND SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2010 8:30 A.M. CHAPEL — 10 A.M. SANCTUARY

- October 3** World Communion Sunday
Scripture: John 6: 22-40
Sermon: *Coming Attractions* Rev. Dennis W. Jones
- October 10** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: John 15: 15; Phillipians 2: 1-11
Sermon: *From Aloneness to Community* Rev. Dennis W. Jones
- October 17** Honoring Rev. Tex Culton
Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 27-34; Luke 18: 1-8
Sermon: *The Little Book of Comfort* Rev. Tex Culton
- October 24** Family Worship Service
Sermon: *Images of God* Dr. Maureen Paterson
- October 31** Stewardship Sermon Series:
Loving God and Neighbor With All That We Are
Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10
Sermon: *The Open Hands of God* Rev. Dennis W. Jones

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