Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – August 13, 2023

We Will Welcome Guest Preacher, Rev. Katja Gruening, on August 27



Rev. Gruening is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, NJ. She is passionate about creativity and inclusivity in ministry and connecting Christian spirituality with our social witness in the world. Katja grew up at BRPC involved in everything, but especially in the music ministry, and served here as both Deacon and Elder. She is grateful for the spiritual nurture and faith investment of this congregation that led to her discerning a call to ministry. Her mom Evelyn is active in Bell Choir and on Mission Council at BRPC. Katja previously jointly served the Presbyterian Churches of Sandusky and Yale in the Thumb region of Michigan. She holds a music degree from the College of Wooster, and a divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

We Look Forward to Welcome Back Sunday on September 10

On this joyous day of worship and celebration, our Senior High Maine Workcampers will share testimonies of faith, our chancel choir will return, special jazz music will be part of worship, Sunday School for children 5th grade and younger will resume, and we will celebrate a "Blessing of the Backpacks." There will also be a Welcome Back Brunch following worship, an opportunity for good food, and the deepening of friendships.

Music Ministries

We invite you to be part of the music program this year! You don't have to be a pro or even available every single week. If you sing or play an instrument, we want to meet you. Take a look at these opportunities and contact us today to get started: Chris Fortin, Director of Music Ministries at cfortin@brpc.org (973-207-0712) or Beth Donley, Director of Children's Music Ministry at bethdonley3@gmail.com (908-500-1789).

SINGING
- Choirs for PreK through Middle School Youth with Beth Donley Sept - June
- Sanctuary Choir for Adults & High School Youth - most Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings Sept - June
- Oratorio Choir for Adults & High School Youth - 2 concerts a year with seasonal rehearsals Thursdays at 8:15pm
- Solos and Ensemble singing throughout the year

INSTRUMENTS
- Band & Orchestra players needed Middle School to Adult - Sunday mornings for hymns and other special music
- Two Handbell Choirs for Adults & Youth - most Tuesday evenings and scheduled Sunday mornings Sept - May (positions available!)
- Handbell Ensemble for scheduled Sundays including the Summer! Perfect for beginners and occasional ringers!

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Play an important role this year by contributing to the Friends of Music in Basking Ridge. These gifts enable us to present special music events throughout the season including Oratorio Concerts, Lenten Music & Meditation Services, and other dynamic programs with guest musicians. Gifts by check may be made to BRPC with "Friends of Music" in the memo or give online through our website and Venmo. Thank you for your generous support!

HOME, September 3-9

We will be hosting two adults from HOME of Somerset Co. in the Youth Center from September 3-9. If you would like to provide a meal or be an evening or overnight host, please sign up here: https://brpc.org/sheet/home-formerly-ihn-2/or scan the QR code. You can also sign up during Lemonade in the Shade over the next few weeks. This is an amazing way to show God's love to those without a home. Please contact Carol Skidmore if you have any questions.

Children & Family Ministry

- Summer Sunday School will be held on most Sundays throughout the summer.
- Nursery Care is available every week.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- On September 10th during worship, we will be presenting testimonies from our work campers about their experiences in Maine.
- Middle School Families: Somerset Patriots Night is Saturday, September 9 at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater.
- Senior High Yankee Stadium Trip is Saturday, September 23.
- RSVP to Toby at tmontgomery@brpc.org, text or call at 217-259-8679 to reserve your spot, and for more information about both trips.
- We are looking for Middle School Fellowship Advisors. Contact Toby if you feel the call to be a part of our Middle School Youth Ministry.

For special events details and for all events where signing up ahead of time is required, please go to our website homepage at brpc.org and scroll to "Special Events & Sign-Ups."