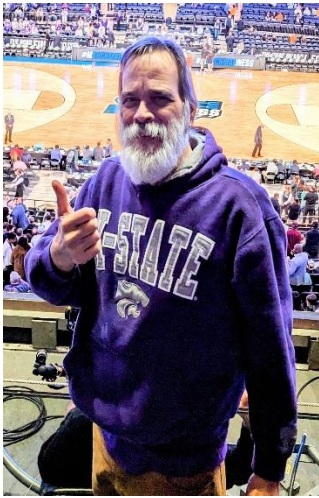




Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – October 1, 2023

Congratulations to Gary Ingram on 10 Years of Service at BRPC!



On September 25, Gary Ingram celebrated his 10-year service anniversary at BRPC, faithfully serving as our Communications Coordinator. One of Gary's primary responsibilities is to maintain and update the church's website and visibility on the various social network platforms. As the COVID pandemic emerged in 2020, Gary led the effort to equip BRPC with video streaming capability and on-line demand access to sanctuary services and music events. The implementation of this leading-edge communications technology, including the subsequent installation of the screens in the sanctuary, not only enhanced the overall ministry at BRPC but also helped maintain and even expand the physical outreach of the church. This was vitally important for BRPC, especially during the pandemic. In addition to addressing "all things communications", Gary is also a talented musician and choir member, as well as a Youth & Young Adults volunteer and advisor. Please join the Personnel Council in thanking Gary for his many contributions and in celebrating his 10 years at BRPC!

Mission Update

We will be collecting coats for Market Street Mission's annual coat giveaway. All sizes of new or gently used coats for men, women and children are needed. Please deposit coats in boxes provided in the church house and narthex. Collection will continue through October 22.

"Connections Matter" seminar, Sunday, October 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Stephen Ministry presents "Connections Matter", an overview of the Adverse Childhood Experiences research with an emphasis on relationship building to help overcome and build healthier relationships which leads towards healing and stronger communities. This seminar will be led by Tracey Heisler, the Executive Director of the local Court Appointed Special Advocates program. She became involved with CASA as a volunteer in 1999 and fell in love with its child advocacy mission. Tracey is a graduate of the University of West Florida with a BA in Psychology (minors in Juvenile Justice and Forensics) and an MA in Counseling Psychology. She has previously worked with juvenile and adult offenders as well as child victims of abuse and neglect. She ensures that CASA SHaW's staff and advocates have the resources and tools they need to serve foster children in our community.

Exploring Membership Class-October 29

Are you interested in becoming a member? This class is an excellent opportunity to share about your own faith journey and learn more about the beliefs and ministry of our church. Join us from 11:15-12:30 p.m. in the Church House Parlor. Contact office@brpc.org to register.

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. Band and orchestra players, handbell ringers, solo and choir singers of all ages - we need you! Consider participating in this fun and beautiful ministry. Contributions to our special music events through "Friends of Music" also go a long way to help our program thrive. Contact Chris Fortin today at cfortin@brpc.org.

Children & Family Ministry

- Sunday School: for 3-year-olds through 5th grade, Calvin Hall at 10:15 a.m.
- Nursery Care: available every week for those 2 years old and younger.
- Mid-week Program: Tuesdays at 4:15-5:30 p.m. Bible, snack and choir.
- Contact Stacy if your child is interested in being an acolyte on Sunday mornings.
- October 15: 3rd Grade Bible Sunday
- November 19: Author visit from Laura Sassi during Sunday School to read from her new book, "My Tender Heart Prayer Book".

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- Confirmation Class will meet in the Church House Parlor from 11-12 p.m. If your youth is interested in joining Confirmation, please contact Toby Montgomery for information.
- Six Flags Great Adventure trip is Saturday, October 14! You must RSVP to Toby by Monday, October 9 so we know how many cars we need.
- Middle School Fellowship meets tonight from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Kickball Night!
- Senior High Fellowship meets tonight from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. BRPC World Record Night! Come on out and bring a friend and set some Fellowship Records!

Small Group Ministry: Join a group this Fall!

We invite everyone to join a group this fall. If you are interested in forming a new group or would like to have a group discuss a certain topic please contact Roger Greenway or Maureen Paterson - we are always open to new ideas!

- Early Bird Study: Church House Parlor and via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Continuing hymn study looking at scriptures related to the music being used in the worship service that day.
- Monday Walk & Talk Group: Discussing "Here and Now, Living in the Spirit" by Henri Nouwen, starting on October 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m. via zoom. Contact Evelyn Drake for online information.
- Tuesday Evening Small Group: 7:15-8:45 p.m. via zoom, starting Tuesday, October 10. For the first one or two weeks, we will discuss the book "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth", by Reza Aslan. Immediately following, we will begin a study of the book "If Grace Is True: Why God Will Save Every Person", by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. Please contact the church office for more information.
- Wednesday Women's Bible Study: 9:30-11:00 a.m. Church House parlor and via zoom. All women are welcome to join us for a time of prayer and discussion. Occasional participation is welcomed.
- Wednesday Evening Discussion Group: 7:00 p.m. via zoom, beginning October 4th. The Prophets in Context: a seven week survey of the Old Testament books of prophecy, examining how the prophets spoke to the particular historical events and situations of their times. Contact Charles King for more information and online link.
- Meditation Group: Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.; Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Via zoom. A short period of meditation to help us remain connected to God throughout the week. Contact Helen Hoens for more information and online link.
- Seeking Strength in Troubled Times: Thursday, 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. via zoom. Find support and encouragement for the journey of faith from others during this time of sharing. Contact Helen Hoens for more information and online link.

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."