



## Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

### Announcements and Events – September 17, 2023

#### God's Co-Op Pantry Update

We are delighted to share the good news that God's Co-op Pantry received unanimous approval from the Bernards Board of Adjustment regarding the usage of one of the garages on East Allen Street as the new location for the Pantry. We will begin work shortly to make the space more conducive to our needs. Stay tuned for updates on when work will be completed, and the Pantry will again be operational.

#### Mission Updates

Thank you to all who have donated sneakers over the last few months. Our fall collection will end on September 30. We will plan another collection in the spring so hold on to those sneakers for then. We will begin on October 2 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 25.

#### BRPC Member Directory and Database Updates

Copies of the latest directory are located in the Church House and Narthex. If your address, email or phone number has changed, please send us your new information. This will help to keep our Deacons informed so they can better serve you. It also helps to keep our database current so you can continue to receive our newsletter and important information. Please email any changes to Janice at [office@brpc.org](mailto:office@brpc.org) or call the Church House.

#### 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!

- 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 and in the Church House Library. Start date TBD. Contact Barbara Perkins 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. Instead of viewing the prophecies simply as a prelude to the New Testament, we will be examining how the prophets spoke to the particular historical events and situations of their times. I hope this will allow us to see the prophets in new ways that will allow us to better apply their insights to our current context. 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.

## **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

The Mission Council has sent \$5,000 through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid in the efforts following the wildfires in Hawaii. If you would like to make a contribution, please mark "wildfire relief" in the memo line of your check. Please continue to pray for all impacted by this disaster.

## **Children & Family Ministry**

- Sunday School: for 3 year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Calvin Hall at 10:15 a.m.
- Mid-week Program: Tuesdays, 4:15-5:30 p.m. Bible, Snack and Choir.
- Acolytes are back! Contact Stacy if your child is interested in lighting the candles on Sunday morning.
- Nursery Care is available every week for those 2 years old and younger.
- September 24: Taylor's Ice Cream Sundae Sunday! Join us for ice cream sundaes during Fellowship time, all are welcome.
- 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**

- Bibles and Bagels Returns Today! We will meet in the Narthex after the Children's Message and head over to the Church House Library for bagels and great conversation.
- Middle School Fellowship will meet tonight from 5-6:30 p.m.! Pizza, fellowship and a Mashed Potato Sculpture Contest with prizes!! See you there.
- Sr. High Fellowship will meet tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for our Kickball Night, food and fellowship. Come on out and bring a friend!
- Senior High Yankee Stadium Trip is Saturday, September 23. Contact Toby to reserve your spot.
- September 24: Confirmation Class resumes in the Church House Library from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

## **Music Ministry**

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](mailto:cfortin@brpc.org) (973-207-0712) or Beth Donley, Director of Children's Music Ministry at [bethdonley3@gmail.com](mailto:bethdonley3@gmail.com) (908-500-1789).

### SINGING

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

### INSTRUMENTS

- Band & Orchestra players needed Middle School to Adult - Sunday mornings for hymns/special music
- Two Handbell Choirs for Adults & Youth - most Tuesday evenings and scheduled Sunday mornings, Sept. - May (positions available!)
- Handbell Ensemble for scheduled Sundays through 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!