



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – October 15, 2023

Congratulations to Elizabeth Messineo on 10 Years of Service at BRPC!



On October 24, Liz Messineo will be celebrating her 10-year anniversary at BRPC, faithfully serving as our assistant treasurer. In her key financial role, Liz is responsible for processing all payments and recording all income. She also prepares financial reports for the Trustees and maintains our church financial records. Liz's 10 years as an integral staff member were preceded by her many years of active BRPC participation and volunteer service. She continues to share her wonderful gift of song as a long-term choir member, is an ordained Deacon and Elder, and also regularly serves as one of the leaders of Vacation Bible School. Please join the Personnel Council in thanking Liz for her many contributions to BRPC and in the celebration of her 10 years of service!

Toby Montgomery Accepts Call to Serve as Solo Pastor in Iowa

“When I entered into youth ministry in 2014, I remember specifically being asked to preach one certain Sunday for the first time. After giving the Word to the congregation, I felt a new call on my life to enter pastoral ministry. Fast forward to 2023, graduating Seminary and finishing my ordination exams, that time has officially come. I have accepted a call to be Solo Pastor/Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church of Independence, Iowa with Sunday, November 5th being my last day at BRPC. This decision was incredibly difficult to make because I have grown significant relationships with both the youth and adults alike at BRPC. With the call that God has put onto my heart as well as the close proximity to our oldest son Thomas and immediate families this was a decision that we could not pass up.

I am so thankful for everyone that has supported me and my family, and I will forever cherish the love and support from all of the staff and advisors in the short time that I was your youth director. It is definitely a bittersweet feeling to leave New Jersey. We will be sad to leave the area and to leave all of you. On behalf of myself and my family, I want to thank you all for giving us the support and love that was needed in order for us to succeed here in the Northeast. I look forward to the final three weeks together and being of support during this time of transition. We will miss all of you dearly and think of you often.”

~Toby

Westminster Hall Kitchen Update

We are nearing the end of the Westminster Hall Kitchen renovation! There are a few punch-list items to complete and a slight delay as we wait for a part to arrive for the dishwasher installation, but the end is in sight. We appreciate your patience during this time of waiting! We ask that you please hold off from using the kitchen for a bit longer, until the remaining steps are completed, and we have our final inspections. We are grateful for your enthusiasm and excitement as we all await the final result, and for your great generosity which is making this project possible! We promise to let you know as soon as our new kitchen is complete and ready to be used.

Coat Drive

We are 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 the boxes provided in the Church House and narthex. The 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.

Per Capita

We are grateful to all those who have sent in their "Per Capita" payment to support the administrative work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. As you recall, The Book of Order requires each Presbyterian Church to make this payment for each and every member on its Church Roll. We believe, and take seriously, our responsibility to support the work of the greater church. For those who are able, it's not too late to make your per capita payment. In 2023, the Per Capita apportionment for BRPC is equal to \$42.50 for each confirmed or adult church member. Payment may be sent to the church office, paid by Venmo or credit card through our website, or placed in the offering plate. Please mark your payment "Per Capita." Thank you so much for your support!

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.
- November 19: Author visit from Laura Sassi during Sunday School to read from her new book, "My Tender Heart Prayer Book".

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. 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.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- Middle School Fellowship meets tonight from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center!
- Senior High Halloween Party will be Sunday, October 29 from 6:30-8:30p.m. Costume Contest, food, and games!

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."