



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – October 22, 2023

“Connections Matter” seminar, Today, 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.

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”.
- Dec 3: Advent Festival with petting zoo, crafts, games, and refreshments at 11:00 a.m.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- There will be no Fellowship tonight.
- Senior High Six Flags Fright Fest trip will be held Saturday, October 28. Contact Toby for details.
- A combined Middle School and Senior High Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 29 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. Costume Contest, food, and games!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The Mission Council has authorized \$5,000 to be sent through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid in relief efforts during the conflict in the Middle East. If you would like to make a personal contribution, please mark “PDA - Middle East” on your check or contribute using Venmo or via the church website.

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.

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!

Coat Drive-Deadline Extended!

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 25.

Tree House Preschool Staff Positions Open

The Tree House is looking for kind, caring, patient and mature individuals who love and have experience working with children to work afternoon care hours at our preschool. Job duties will include supervising children during nap, snack, and recess, assisting children with bathroom needs, monitoring of student attendance, basic classroom management including cleaning up after snack and playtime, etc. Hours and schedule can be flexible. We are looking for help Mon-Fri (or a few of those days). Possible hours are: 1:00 p.m. to 3, 5 or 6 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 3, 5 or 6 p.m.; 3 p.m. to 5 or 6 p.m.; 4 p.m. to 5 or 6 p.m. Please email Jen Nowack at jnowack@thpreschool.com for more information.

Thank you from Mission Council for Sneaker Recycling!

Thank you for giving your sneakers a second life by donating them to our sneaker recycling campaign! Together, we collected 242 pairs of sneakers, and sent them to Got Sneakers for reuse as footwear in places of need, and for recycling. BRPC will send the funds received to support weather-related disaster relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This collection has been completed, so please save any sneakers for a new collection starting next spring.

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.

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

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.”