



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – October 29, 2023

Stewardship 2024 - Pledge Packets Available on the Church House Lawn

God invites us to *Come to the Table*, to gather in faith and fellowship and be nourished by God's abundant love, and to go forth from the table into the world to love and to serve. The next three weeks are a time to reflect on our gratitude for all God's gifts, and to prayerfully consider how we will respond. Your faith, your involvement, and your financial commitment are what allows this church and its ministries to exist. How is God calling you to give and to make a difference?



Youth Ministry Leadership Update



Our Director of Youth Ministry Toby Montgomery will be completing his ministry with BRPC on November 5 and begin a new chapter serving as solo pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Independence, Iowa. We wish Toby God's fullest blessing in all that is to come. **We are all invited to a reception in Toby's honor on Sunday, November 5 in the Church House Parlor following worship.** This will be an opportunity to speak with Toby and express our gratitude and best wishes. Cake will be served!

Our commitment to a vibrant and growing youth ministry at BRPC remains as strong as ever! To that end, I have two very positive updates to share:

1. Session has unanimously approved that Beth Cleary will serve as our part-time Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry. I am thrilled that Beth has agreed to serve in this vital role! She is eager to engage with the youth and their families and provide meaningful programs for members and their friends to enjoy fellowship together, grow in faith, and serve and love those who are in need. Beth is very familiar with our ministries as she grew up at BRPC attending fellowship gatherings, retreats, confirmation class, and 10 Maine Workcamps. She has been a Sunday school teacher, a Bibles and Bagels teacher, and a senior high advisor. Beth has also served as a Deacon and an Elder. Beth has two daughters, Annabella, 18, and Rachel, 15, who both love the youth offerings at BRPC. Beth will coordinate the volunteer teams for our current programs and also looks to provide additional ways youth might connect with one another and with God. She will be the lead contact person and communicator-in-chief for all things youth ministry related. Beth has her doctorate in Physical Therapy and has practiced as a pediatric provider in schools, clinics, and homes for over 23 years. Beth can be reached at bethpt@hotmail.com, or (908) 883-1071. Beth, we welcome you to this new role!

2. The search is already in motion to seek a permanent Director of Ministry to Youth, Young Adults, and their Families. Ministry Architects is a highly respected consulting firm that BRPC has partnered with a number of times over the years. They are already working hard to network, spread the good word about BRPC, and seek out candidates on our behalf. We are forming an "Interview Team" to be part of the interview and discernment process. If you are interested in serving on that team, Dennis Jones would love to hear from you!

Exploring Membership Class-TODAY!

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 Library. Walk-ins are welcome!

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

- Bibles and Bagels meets today in the Church House Library! We will meet in the Narthex and walk over together after the Children’s Message!
- A combined Middle School and Senior High Halloween Party will be held tonight from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. Costume Contest, food, and games!
- Upcoming Events:
 - Senior High Camp Johnsonburg Retreat, November 17-19
 - Middle School Camp Johnsonburg Retreat, December 1-3
 - Senior High Maine Workcamp, July 13-21

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.

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.

Men’s Breakfast Group

Our next breakfast will be November 17th at 7:30 a.m. at the Blue Cafe. Please RSVP to Roger at argreenway1@me.com.

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.”