



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – November 19, 2023

Stewardship 2024 – Today is Consecration Sunday

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. This is 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 allow this church and its ministries to exist. How is God calling you to give and to make a difference?



Welcome Guest Preacher Rev. Ed Halldorson Today



Reverend Dr. Edward Halldorson is the Pastor Emeritus of The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, NJ. Originally from Long Island, Ed was educated at Lafayette College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as the Associate Pastor of the Penfield Presbyterian Church near Rochester, NY, and as Senior Pastor at the First United Church in Silver Creek, NY, before accepting the call to Chatham Township as Head of Staff, where he served for thirty years. Ed and his wife, Linda, have four grown children, nine granddaughters, and four grandsons. Ed is a gifted pastor, preacher, and teacher, and a passionate advocate for the transformative impact a vital congregation can have on the lives that it touches, and on the world far beyond its doors. We welcome Ed to our church this morning!

Grand Opening and Dedication of New Westminster Hall Kitchen

This morning following worship we will celebrate the Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Westminster Hall Kitchen! All are welcome to come tour the new kitchen and enjoy a special time of fellowship and refreshments. Many thanks to the generous donors who made it possible, and to the task force members who faithfully and patiently guided the project to completion. Dave Gibbons is the project manager, and the other members of the task force are Bill Adams, Cara Burchett, Nancy Deutsch, Patty Haines, Barb Knudson, Sue Pape, Debbie Schaub and Joelle Strona. Heartfelt thanks to them all!

Welcome Back Children's Author, Laura Sassi



Laura Sassi has a passion for telling stories in prose and rhyme. She is the author of multiple books for young children. Laura had a successful teaching career before becoming a children's author. She's been a homeschool mom, children's ministry director, historic museum interpreter, and more. She writes daily from her home in New Jersey and finds special joy in sharing messages of kindness, comfort, and hope at school visits, church gatherings and other events. Today during Sunday School, she will read from her new book, "My Tender Heart Prayer Book".

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21

The Islamic Society of Basking Ridge is hosting an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 124 Church Street in Liberty Corner. All are welcome as we give thanks as a community for all of God's blessings.

HOME Hosting - November 26 - December 3

We will be hosting guests from HOME of Somerset County offsite from November 26 to December 3. We need many helpers to show our grace and hospitality to our families, please check out the many needs and sign up though the website or during fellowship time.

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.
- There will be no Mid-week Program on Tuesday, November 21.
- Contact Stacy if your child is interested in being an acolyte on Sunday mornings.
- December 3: Advent Festival with petting zoo, crafts, games, and refreshments at 11:00 a.m.
- December 17: Christmas Caroling at Ridge Oak at 11:00 a.m.
- January 7, 2024: Children-led service on Epiphany Sunday. Rehearsals start Tuesday, November 28.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- Middle School Fellowship meets today at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Center for a presentation by Ken Warman about his experiences as a Marine and sports referee.
- Sr. High Fellowship meets today at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. Please join us for Sides and Pie Thanksgiving with food, conversation, and games. Please bring a side or pie to share in a potluck style.
- Save the Date: Senior High Maine Workcamp, July 13-21
- We are grateful that Beth Cleary is serving as Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry. If you have questions about upcoming events or would like to become involved in our youth ministry as a leader or participant, please contact Beth at youthministry@brpc.org, or (908) 883-1071.

Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree is up in Westminster Hall and filled with tags from some of our mission partners. You can help make Christmas special for clients at Good News Home for Woman and Homeless Solutions through your gifts. As God's Co-op Pantry re-opens in its new location on our campus in just a few weeks we are looking to restock the shelves with food - please consider buying a gift card to Shoprite or making a monetary donation to BRPC with God's Co-op Pantry in the memo line. If you would like to give in honor of a loved one this year, please contact Maureen Paterson to receive a card indicating your gift. Let us share God's blessings with others this season.

Tree House Preschool Staff Openings

The Tree House has several staff positions open. For more information, please email Jen Nowack at jnowack@thpreschool.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."