



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – February 25, 2024

Today Is Tree House Sunday!

A warm and loving welcome to all of the students, families and staff of the Tree House who are joining us in worship this morning. The children's choir will be singing, and we will also be celebrating David Brownlee's 25th anniversary with the church. Afterwards there will be a Bubble Show and refreshments in Westminster Hall.

Today is the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Lent is the 40-day season of the Christian year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting, in order to grow closer to God. It is a season of taking stock of one's life in general and one's spiritual life in particular, and to seek repentance, renewal, and rebirth. In some traditions it is when the catechism process happens for those preparing to join the church or be baptized. Lenten Devotionals are available in the Narthex and Church House. The devotionals are based on the music and readings for the Good Friday worship service.

Bite-Size Ministry - Lent 2024 at BRPC

You don't have the time to join a committee, serve as a church officer, or go on a mission trip? No problem! We invite you to enjoy a 1-2 hour or shorter experience of serving, or sharing, or supporting Christ's ministry between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Bake some cookies, pull weeds, teach a lesson, read the scripture during worship, help out at God's Co-op Pantry. A wide range of opportunities have been shared, and additional opportunities added each week. Grow closer to others and to God with a Bite-Size Ministry experience this Lent!



Lenten Services of Music and Meditation

Join us the first three Wednesdays in March at noon for our Lenten Music & Meditation Services featuring excellent music with interactive readings and prayers. Lunch is provided afterward in Westminster Hall. The stunning sounds of the Madison String Quartet will start things off March 6th, followed by our own Finley Singers with Chris Fortin on piano March 13th. To finish our series, come hear Merynda Adams on harp and Kathleen Nester on flute for a magnificent performance. A free will offering will be taken to offset our costs and support our special music events throughout the year.

Lenten Offering

The Mission Council has designated the special Lenten Offering to be sent through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for earthquake relief in Turkey/Syria. If you would like to contribute, please mark envelope/memo or online donation: "Lenten Offering".

Lenten Family Project - Breakfast To Go Bags

We will be collecting items for Breakfast To Go Bags for clients of Homeless Solutions shelter program. Suggested items include individual sized oatmeal packets, single serve cereal boxes, breakfast bars/cereal bars, fruit cups, apple sauce, raisin packets, individual wrapped teabags, and instant coffee sachets. Collection boxes will be in the Church House and Westminster Hall. Bags will be assembled following worship on Palm Sunday, March 24.

Gently Worn Prom/Formal Dresses Collection Ends Today

All proceeds support Mercy Girl Effect which sponsors education for girls in Kenya. The deadline to bring your dresses to the Church House is today.

25 Year Service Recognition – David Brownlee

On February 11, David Brownlee celebrated his 25 year service anniversary at BRPC, faithfully serving as one of our Sextons. David performs many “seen and unseen” functions for the church. Most Sundays, David can be found on the outside steps of the sanctuary, providing help and support for the greeting Deacons. If any visitor or new member has a question about the church or the history of the building, David is the man to talk to! Some of the behind the scene responsibilities that David performs include setting up for baptisms, funerals, memorial services, and weddings, as well as making sure the church campus is both clean and safe. David works extra time if needed to deal with inclement weather events, set ups for special events, and makes the logistics work when quick turnaround time is required for back-to-back events. In addition to his Sexton duties, David is also a regular volunteer for the community Visiting Nurse Association. As an active member of the congregation, David is also an ordained Deacon and a Stephen Minister. His long-term tenure and experience provide a wealth of knowledge about the buildings, systems, and operating procedures on campus, as well as the history of the church cemetery and related activities. We are indeed blessed to have David on staff throughout the years! Please join the Personnel Council in thanking David for his contributions and service, and in celebrating his 25 years at BRPC.

Exploring Membership Class - Sunday, March 10

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. Contact office@brpc.org to register. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sunday Discussion Group - Today at 11:15 a.m.

As part of its constitution, our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has a “Book of Confessions,” containing 12 documents developed over the course of church history from ancient to modern times. Would you like to learn more about what are in these confessions and how, why, and when they were written? If so, please join us for a series of expositions about and discussions of the confessions and some of the key theological concepts they contain. These sessions are led by Charles King and held after the church services in the Church House Parlor and via zoom. The final session is on March 17.

Children & Family Ministry

- Sunday School: for 3-year-olds through 5th grade, Calvin Hall at 10:15 a.m.
- Nursery care is available for those 2 years old and younger.
- Mid-week program on Tuesdays at 4:15-5:30 p.m.
- Contact Stacy at scurrie@brpc.org if your child would like to be an acolyte on Sunday mornings.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- Sr. High bowling trip is tonight at Bowlero. We will meet in Westminster Hall at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Please RSVP to youthministry@brpc.org as soon as possible.
- Middle School Fellowship meets tonight at 5:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall (note room change). Rob Quincy will be our guest.
- A combined youth retreat is being offered at Camp Johnsonburg March 8-10 and all middle school and senior high youth are encouraged to register directly with Johnsonburg and attend.