



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – August 17, 2025

Vacation Bible School Sunday is TODAY!

This morning, we give thanks to God for the blessings of faith and friendship and belonging that were experienced during this past week at Vacation Bible School.

Congregational Care Fund

The Congregational Care Fund exists to assist with the short-term financial needs of church and local community members caused by job loss, medical crisis or other temporary situations. Most commonly it is used to help with rent payments, medical bills, utility bills and other day to day necessities. The balance in the fund is currently quite low and we invite you to make contributions that enable us to support neighbors in need in the coming months. Please mark contributions "Congregational Care Fund".

Homeless Solutions - Volunteers Needed on August 23

Looking for a family friendly way to help our neighbors in need? Shopping and cooking for the residents of Homeless Solutions in Morristown is a great way to give back to our community and have fun while doing so. Our shopping lists are organized by aisle, and you will be reimbursed. Our recipes are super easy, and we provide detailed instructions for every step and help you along the way. Your "shift" is 4:15 to 7:00 p.m., and the residents do all of the cleanup. Contact Nancy Kuhn at 908-672-6239 or kuhn.n@verizon.net for more information or to sign up.

Welcome Back Sunday is September 7!

All are invited on September 7 for a festive service of worship at 10 AM, including the return of the Sanctuary Choir, followed by our Welcome Back Sunday Celebration outside Westminster Hall and in front of the Church House. There will be delicious food including hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and an ice cream truck, as well as games for kids and a special visit from "The Bubble Guy". Join us and bring a friend as we close down East Oak Street and celebrate God's great love for us and the start of a new program year!

HOME - September 14-21

We will be hosting guests from HOME of Somerset County from September 14-21. Please join Mission Council in extending hospitality and welcome to these guest families. Volunteers are needed to shop, provide dinners, serve as evening and overnight hosts. Sign up online or in Westminster Hall after worship.



Walk and Talk Book Club

The "Walk & Talk" online book club will be starting a new book on Monday, **September 15:**

W. Phillip Keller's **A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23**. The group generally meets every other Monday from 2-4 p.m. If interested in joining us, please contact Evelyn Drake (908-334-6509 or endrake@verizon.net).

Music Volunteers Needed This Fall

We have open positions in our Knox and Alpha handbell choirs this season. Varied levels of experience are needed, and training is available. Bell choir rehearsals are Tuesday evenings, and each choir rings once a month during the school year. Also, all voice parts are needed for Sanctuary Choir which rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings most Sundays during the school year. Please help us maintain our exciting music program by contacting Chris Fortin at cfortin@brpc.org. Thank you!

Children & Youth Music Ministry

We are thrilled that the Children & Youth Choir will be returning as part of the Music Ministry at BRPC! It is open to all students in 3rd-8th grade and will meet in the Choir Room on Thursdays from 5:15-6:00 p.m. beginning on **September 11** to prepare fun anthems to sing monthly at church while also engaging in exciting musical activities! To participate, reach out to Nathan Schwed at nschwed@brpc.org or (908) 202-9624. We are looking forward to a year full of fun and music!

Children & Family Ministry

- No Sunday School today.
- Nursery care is available for those 2 years old and younger.
- Fall Programming:
 - **The Agape Hour:** Begins Tuesday, **September 9** for ages 3-Kindergarten. We will meet in the Agape Room located in the Church House on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45-4:30 p.m. for a Bible story, snack, craft, movement and music.
 - **Monthly Children's Ministry & Family Dinner:** Starts Tuesday, **September 16** in Westminster Hall. We will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month for an art class based on a Bible Verse for children in grades 1-5 (5-5:45 p.m.) followed by a dinner for all families with children through grade 8 (5:45-6:30 p.m.).

If you have any questions please contact Stacy Currie, Director of Children & Family Ministries, 201-519-1680 or scurrie@brpc.org.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Fall Programming begins **September 7**. To learn more, ask questions, or get involved, email Kate at kbalboni@brpc.org and follow us on Instagram at [brpc.youth.group](https://www.instagram.com/brpc.youth.group).

- **Bibles & Bagels:** Meets Sundays during worship. For students in 5th -8th grade. Join us for lively discussions as we explore relevant Biblical passages that coordinate with the verses read in worship each week.
- **Middle School Fellowship:** Meets Sundays 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. For students in Grades 6-8. Join us for dinner, fellowship, games, and service projects!
- **Senior High Fellowship:** Meets Sundays 7-8 p.m. in the new Youth Chapel in the Youth Center. For students in Grades 9-12. Join us for Bible study, games, and service work!
- **Confirmation Class:** Informational meeting will be on **September 28** at 11:15 a.m. in the Church House Parlor. Class will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays following worship. Intended for high school students interested in exploring church membership.

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."