Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – September 27, 2026

Welcome To Worship

We extend a loving welcome to all who gather today in worship of Almighty God, including those who come as visitors or newcomers and those possibly seeking a church home! Our prayer is that you will experience the depth of love for God and love for one another that is present in this community of faith.

Thank you for your generous giving, which is what allows the life and ministry of our church to exist. For those who would like to make a financial contribution to support the mission and ministry of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to scan the QR code to give with a credit card or through Venmo. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

BRPC Talent Show

Youth Ministry will be hosting a church-wide Talent Show on Saturday, **October 3** at 6:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall. This will be a fundraiser for our 2027 Workcamps, with a free will offering at the door and light refreshments. All BRPC members are invited to participate! Scan the code to learn more or sign up.

Welcome Guest Preacher Rev. Pat Jackson on October 4



Rev. Pat Jackson is the founding executive director of Interwoven Congregations, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping faith communities be agents for racial justice and healing. He also serves as a parish associate at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland and works with the consulting firm of Lassiter & Associates in Washington, D.C. Pat does this U.S.-centered work while being based in the city of Groningen in the Netherlands with his wife Janet and daughter Elyse. The son of Lynne and Cal Jackson (the 16th pastor of BRPC), Pat grew up in Basking Ridge and was confirmed at BRPC. Earlier in his career, Pat served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal, led initiatives to connect economically disadvantaged people with jobs, and served as pastor of Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church (another BRPC!) in Kansas City.

Peace of Pie Social - Sunday, October 4

Join us in Westminster Hall, after the 10 AM service, to share in the bounty of the season at our Peace of Pie Social! We're serving an assortment of delicious pies, crumbles and tarts. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season, enjoy each other's company, and savor some good old-fashioned hospitality! This event is for everyone - bring your appetite and your sweet tooth! Let's come together because nothing brings us closer than sharing a sweet treat. Want to contribute to the pie spread? We'd love to feature your favorite! Sign up in Westminster Hall, on the Church website, or contact Mark Barnard at (908) 798-8488.

Adult Forum On Sunday, October 4 at 3 PM in the Church House Parlor

Rev. Pat Jackson will lead an Adult Forum class on "The Legacy of Rev. Robert Finley." The forum will explore the history of the ministry of Rev. Finley, including his pivotal involvement in the American Colonization Society (ACS) which sought to send free African Americans to Africa in the early 1800s. We'll probe the goals of the ACS and how it connects directly to a new PCUSA initiative approved by the last General Assembly -- the "Liberia Project 180" -- which aims to address the impact of the ACS movement upon modern day Liberia. As we engage these topics in the forum, we'll also dialogue about our own perspectives on the ongoing work for racial justice through the BRPC congregation, our community, and broader society today.

Mission Council

The mission council approved $5,000 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for disaster relief efforts in Nepal following the catastrophic flooding. Also $1,000 was approved to assist our mission partner (ASCEP) in Colombia following the recent earthquake they experienced. If you would like to contribute to either effort please clearly mark your check with either Nepal or Colombia.

Coat Drive

Please bring new and gently used coats for Market Street Mission Coat Drive - all sizes are needed. Collection boxes are available in the Church House and Westminster Hall from **September 27-October 18**.

Become a Food Angel

Every now and then, a church member experiences an event in their life, whether happy or sad, that can be made less overwhelming with a meal that they did not have to prepare for themselves. The Food Angels ministry does just that. We prepare and deliver meals to members of our congregation who need a break. However, there aren't enough Angels to adequately cover the need. We currently have Food Angels who love to cook, but are not mobile or comfortable delivering their meal. We also have Angels who claim not to be good cooks, but will deliver. So, we need Angels who can cook and/or deliver. If you would like to be a Food Angel or would like more information about the ministry, please reach out to Karen Skoglund at karenskoglund1@gmail.com.

Exploring Membership Class on October 25

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 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Church House Parlor. Walk-ins are welcome!

Adult Small Groups

Join a small group this fall! Small groups are a great way to deepen your faith, form strong friendships with others and expand your knowledge. We have study groups, discussion groups, men's and women's groups and prayer and meditation groups.

- Sunday AM Early Birds (8:30 AM, Church House Parlor & online) - "Worship Warm Up": a look at the Scriptures and hymns prior to worship. Led by Chris Whitlock.
- Sunday Morning Discussion Group (11:15 AM, Church House Parlor & online) Led by Charles King, titled "Contemporary Lessons from Old Testament Texts," meeting on 9/20, 10/4 & 11/1.
- Monday Walk and Talk (2-4 PM every other week, online) This group is currently reading W. Phillip Keller's "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23." Contact: Evelyn Drake. Begins September 29.
- Wednesday Women's Bible Study (9:30-11:00 AM, Church House Parlor & online) All women are welcome to join us for a time of prayer and discussion - currently studying John 14 and the claims of Jesus.
- Gather and Grow - Women's Small Group meets offsite at the homes of Elizabeth White and Beth Cleary on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.
- Meditation Group (Mondays at 7:30 PM; Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 AM, online) A short period of meditation to help us remain connected to God throughout the week. Contact Helen Hoens.
- Seeking Strength in Troubled Times (Thursday at 9:15 AM & 7:30 PM, online) Find support and encouragement for the journey of faith from others during this time of sharing. Contact: Helen Hoens.
- Men's Breakfast Group (3rd Friday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Copper Kettle in Basking Ridge). Contact: Roger Greenway.

Children & Family Ministry

- Sunday School (grades Pre-K-4) at 10:15 a.m. in Calvin Hall. Nursery care is available for those 2 years and younger.
- The Agape Hour for grades Pre-K-Kindergarten, Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 p.m. in the Agape Room of the Church House: Bible story, snack, craft, movement, and music.
- Tuesday, **October 20**: Art & Bible for grades 1-5, art class based on a Bible verse, at 5:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
- Tuesday, **October 20:** Family Dinner for all families with children through grade 8, at 5:45 p.m. in Westminster Hall. Parents, please bring a side or a dessert.
- 3rd grade Bible Sunday on **October 25**.

Children & Youth Music Ministry

Calling all singers! We invite more kids to join our Children and Youth Choir programming. In addition to learning lots of exciting music to sing at Church services, we also have snacks, games, and lots of fun at every rehearsal. Please join us!

- Cherub Choir (Pre-K-2nd Grade) will meet on Tuesdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. Those in Pre-K and Kindergarten will have Agape Hour from 3:45-4:30 p.m., and then join us afterwards, while 1st and 2nd Graders will rehearse for the full time starting at 4:15 p.m.
- Children and Youth Choir (3rd-8th Grade) will meet on Tuesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. Additional rehearsals will take place on select Sundays throughout the school year for those whose schedule doesn't make it possible to come on Tuesdays.

If your child is interested in participating, or if you have any questions, please contact Nathan Schwed at nschwed@brpc.org or (908) 202-9624. We are looking forward to a year full of fun and music!

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- A Confirmation Class informational session will be held **TODAY** at 11:15 a.m. in the Church House Parlor. Please contact Kate if your high schooler is interested in attending.
- Talent Show Fundraiser: Please consider signing up either to perform or help with the event setup on **Friday, October 2** or during the event on **Saturday, October 3**! Visit the sign up on our website or contact Kate for more information.
- Middle School Fellowship will meet in the Youth Center today from 5-6:30 p.m. Parents please consider signing up to bring dinner.
- Senior High Fellowship will meet from 6:40-8:10 p.m. and will meet in the Youth Center.

Scan this QR code to support the work of the church through your giving or to sign up for any upcoming Events and Activities detailed above.
