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Bedford Presbyterian Church

Hilltop Crier for June 26



Bedford Presbyterian Church Summer, 2020

Join us for Evening Prayer
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
on the front lawn.

Six feet apart from your neighbors
With a mask at-the-ready.
Bring your own chair or blanket.
Alas, no hugs or handshakes,
but we'll be together

Getting Ready to Pray. . . On Wednesday Night

This coming **Wednesday, July 1, at 6:30 PM**, we will hold an in-person gather for **Evening Prayer** on the front lawn of the church (right next to Church Rd.). If things go well, we hope to be able to gather every Wednesday night through August (and maybe beyond).

There are a few things you need to know before you come:

1. We will be encouraging you to **practice physical distancing**. So, everyone needs to be aware of their surroundings and not get too close to their neighbor. **Stay at least 6 feet apart from anyone not in your household.**
2. **Bring a mask** and be ready to wear it, if asked.
3. **Bring a chair and/or a blanket to sit.**
4. **You will be directed to sit in a certain spot** (from front to back). You may need to wait to be seated. Please do so at a distance of 6 feet from anyone not in your household.
5. **The service will last between 15 and 20 minutes.** We're carefully dipping our toes into the water of in-person worship and want to do all that we can to keep everyone safe.
6. **At the end of the service, please remain seated until you are dismissed** (from back to front).
7. **The church building will NOT be open** - even for the restroom (except in case of emergency, of course).
8. **If it rains** (lightly), bring an umbrella. **If it pours** (heavily), the service will be postponed until the following Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

As I said last week. I know that this is a strange way of doing things. but we're trying

to keep everyone safe in these strange times. We feel responsible for you, our whole BPC family, and the broader community. So, this is why we are doing things this way.

All of this is a work in progress and will likely evolve as the weeks go by.

Looking forward to seeing you at church - starting this Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30

Grace and Peace,

John

Prepare for Worship

This Week: "How Long?" (Maybe Sooner Than You Think)

- Read Psalm 13
- Read Matthew 10:40-42
- Read or sing Hymn # 692 - "Spirit, Open My heart
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3f6P2B7buA>

Please join us this Sunday, June 28th for Virtual Worship

Participate in Worship This Week - Sunday at 10 AM

ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Watch the service on Facebook Live through BPC's Facebook Page

[https://www.facebook.com/bedfordpresbyterianchurch/?ref=bookmarks.](https://www.facebook.com/bedfordpresbyterianchurch/?ref=bookmarks)

If you are watching the service on Facebook live this Sunday use the bulletin (or if you're watching a later broadcast or just want to get a sneak peek for next Sunday's broadcast). . .

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/3615/9317/8605/2020-06-28_Worship_Bulletin.pdf

ON BCTV

BPC's Worship Service from LAST SUNDAY (6/7) will be broadcast on Sunday, 6/7 at 10 AM on BCTV, Channel 16 and 1072 for Bedford residents.

**Non-Bedford residents can watch online at 10 AM
at www.bedfordtv.com and click on "Watch Live" under Channel 1
If you're watching the service on BCTV this Sunday use this bulletin
[https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/3715/9256/7909/2020-06-21
_Worship_Bulletin.pdf](https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/3715/9256/7909/2020-06-21_Worship_Bulletin.pdf)**

Click below for a copy of this week's Pre-K Lesson:

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/9415/9318/0814/Pre-K_Lesson.pdf



Congratulations to our 2020 High School Graduates

Xanna Bader

Xanna is graduating from Souhegan High school in Amherst. At Souhegan, she excelled in the music and theater programs earning her several awards, most notably the National Choral Award and the Outstanding Ringer award.

She is still uncertain of her plans for the fall but hopes at some point to attend college for a possible double major in two of her passions voice performance and marine science and sustainable aquaculture.

Nathan Bartram

Cabby DeAngelis

Gabby DeAngelis

Gabby DeAngelis is graduated from BHS following a very interesting senior year. It started with a stellar fall soccer season as captain of the BHS girls varsity soccer season. Unfortunately the season ended in the quarter finals. However, Gabby was selected as All State and All New England teams. During the years she was the Vice President of National Honor Society and Treasurer of National Charity League. Through these organizations Gabby was a very active participant in philanthropy work around Southern NH, like volunteering at the Family's in Transition 5k fund raiser, JDRF fund raisers and helped pack snack bags for Fueled by Kids. Gabby will be attending Siena College in Loudenville, NY, where she will be majoring in Bio-Chemistry and playing for the Division 1 Varsity Soccer team. Her time at BHS and BPC have helped to shape Gabby into a great student, athlete and world citizen.

Colin Finke

Abby Gilligan

Jack Wolf

Jack Wolf graduated as an honor roll student from New Hampton Prep School this spring. Jack was a four year varsity starter for New Hampton's Soccer Team in which he earned first team All Lakes Region player and first team All NEPSAC player awards. Jack is pursuing his passion at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois this where he has accepted a scholarship to play soccer and study criminal justice.

Kat Zimmerman

Kat will be pursuing a dual BA from Trinity College in Dublin and Columbia University in New York. Her major at Trinity will be European and Middle Eastern Languages and Culture; her major from Columbia will be Political Science.

The activities she tackled during her high school years will serve as excellent prep this next challenge life:

- Youth Ambassador in Germany for the State Department during most of her senior year
- Destination Imagination - teamwork, creativity, and fun
- Student Council at BHS - making sure prom 2019 was a fun for all
- Model UN - becoming a globally informed citizen through debate on world issues
- The Friends of Aine - service in memory of a dear friend
- Bedford Presbyterian Church - service including mission trips to Maine to help repair homes of folks in need



2020 All Church (Youth, Teens and Adults) Mission Trip to Maine

Saturday, August 1st through Friday, August 7th

Given the uncertainty of our times there remains a chance, that for some unforeseen reason, the trip might not happen. However, we are proceeding as if it will and it will be as successful as all our previous Mission Trips.

Who: Adults and teens 16 years of age or older.

When: Saturday, August 1st through Friday, August 7th

Where: Farmington, Maine, about 3 ½ hours away via car.

Deadline to apply: July 18th 2020

What: We will be working with the Mission at the Eastward (MATE). Their MATE Housing Ministry provides home repairs for people in need. Painting, roof repairs, porches, steps, ramps and simple interior and exterior repairs are likely prospects for the work teams.

All work teams will have adult supervisors.

The fee per person: \$350.

Lodging: We will all be staying in a residence hall on the campus of the University of Maine-Farmington!

Food and leisure: Meals, and snacks are included in the cost except for a few items.

Transportation: We will be driving ourselves to Maine and back home, and to and from the job sites.

Applications: Applications and forms will be available on the church website.

Questions or more information:

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Matt Bader, mcbader2002@gmail.com, 603-361-6289



WAYS TO CONNECT VIRTUALLY THIS WEEK AT B

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE FOLLOWING ZOOM MEETINGS. . .

Click the link or call the phone number, provided,
and then follow any prompts that are on your screen for how to join. . .

Virtual Coffee Hour **Sunday at 11 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934245191?
pwd=TFBWZ0lVTGxPdWxWVHVwTtArZHdGUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934245191?pwd=TFBWZ0lVTGxPdWxWVHVwTtArZHdGUT09)

Meeting ID: 859 3424 5191
Password: 416924

Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 859 3424 5191
Password: 416924

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdO10O8bFn>





The Fellowship Network

We miss our time of Fellowship at BPC ~ our REAL time of Fellowship. The kind of Fellowship that is closer than six feet and involves a cup of coffee and a pastry! I miss sharing funny or frustrating stories about our week, seeing pictures of grandchildren, exchanging recipes, hearing about binge-watchable or cringe worthy Netflix series and empathizing about DIY home repair that went horribly wrong. I miss the serendipity of Coffee Hour!

Our church family has experienced dramatic changes in how we worship, work, educate our children, support family from afar, and how we connect on just a small more intimate level.

The BPC leadership and the congregation have always shown resilience and adaptation in difficult times and this time is no different. We thank everyone who has gone above and beyond!

The Parish Life / Fellowship Committee would like to try something new. Would you like to be part of a **Fellowship Network** to simply connect with one another. NO agenda ~ just make a call, send a card, FaceTime, email, text, however you feel comfortable communicating weekly with a small group of BPC members. I think of it as we have all become Deacons for a little while ~ caring, connecting, reaching out, listening, and laughing together.

If you would like to join The Fellowship Network please email or call Parish Life Executive Director Kathy Loveless (kbloveless74@gmail.com or 603-668-1521) or Linda Phelps (linda.phelps@comcast.net or 471-1004). Send us a little information in how you feel comfortable communicating and include email, home phone or cell phone number. We will organize BPC members (of ALL ages) into small groups and we will start connecting in small but profound ways. Our community thrives when neighbors look out for one another.

THANK A HEALTHCARE WORKER



BPC Is Blessed to Have Healthcare Workers as part of our Church Family

Here is a partial list of the people from our church family
who deserve our thanks and our prayers. . .

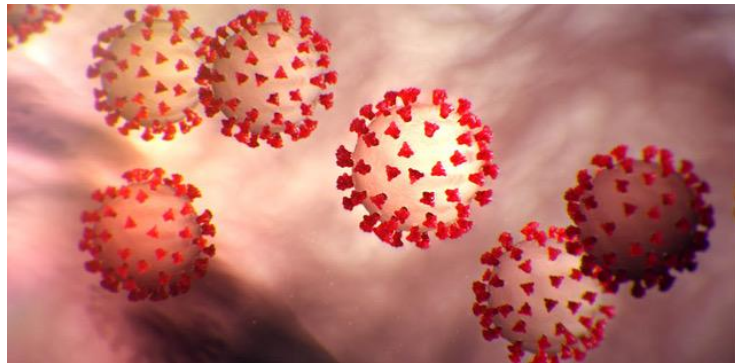
**Scott Crandall
Bob Davis
Garrick and Dawn Johnson
Su Metcalfe
Sarah Murai
Mark Myers
Rick Phelps
James Reese
Amy Sawyer
Keith Stahl
Audrey Stanas
Deb Stanas
Andrew Wu
Karen Wu**

Say a prayer for these fine people and their colleagues. . .

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

***Have someone that we need to add to this list?
Please notify the Church Office!***



COVID-19 Dedicated Fund

In an effort to support our community during the COVID19 pandemic, Bedford Presbyterian Church has established a dedicated fund that programs and individuals may resource during this difficult time. Equally important, members of our community who are looking to help can donate to this fund with the commitment from Bedford Presbyterian Church that your donation is serving those in need due to the impact of COVID-19. Jesus taught us that we must provide for our neighbors, especially in difficult times. *For what you have done to the least of these, you have done to me.*

...especially in times of need. For many, you have come to the rest of us, you
done to me. Matthew 25:45. May we both provide and receive in His grace
Donations can be sent to the church office with COVID-19 in the Memo line and
also be made online at <https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/giving/>.



Giving at BPC

BPC is now a beneficiary of Amazon Smile! [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Smile will donate 0. of each purchase when BPC is selected as the charitable organization. So for every \$100 of purchases 50 cents is received. You can access [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and benefit BPC using the following link (bit.ly/smilebpc).

Per Capita for 2020 is \$49 per member.

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