

## Mission

BPC's Mission Planning Committee is always working to provide pathways to service in our local community. We also support PCUSA missionaries and other national and global ministries like Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. For more information, contact Larry Cowen ([lcowen@usa.net](mailto:lcowen@usa.net)) and Jack Daly ([tenorjack@gmail.com](mailto:tenorjack@gmail.com)).

The Mission Barbecue Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 29. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Join us at 5 PM.

- New Horizons Soup Kitchen - 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month - August 30 and November 29 at 4:15 PM. Contact Jodi Coulter ([jmcoulter98@gmail.com](mailto:jmcoulter98@gmail.com)).
- Helping Hands Home Repair - Contact George Reese ([georeese@msn.com](mailto:georeese@msn.com)).
- Caregivers Caring Cupboard Food Deliveries - November 7, in the early evening. Contact Charlene Isham ([ecisham@comcast.net](mailto:ecisham@comcast.net)).

## Deacons

**Deacons Fund** - The BPC Deacons Fund goes to help those who are in need - within our church family and within our community. Envelopes for the Deacons Fund are available on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Barb Sofield ([wlsfield@aol.com](mailto:wlsfield@aol.com)) and Deb Sferrazza ([momofvino@gmail.com](mailto:momofvino@gmail.com)) are the Co-Moderators of the Deacons.

**Thanksgiving Baskets** - BPC packs and delivers over 200 "Thanksgiving Baskets" to those who are in need every year. This year, we will be packing baskets on Sunday and Monday (11/24-25) and will be delivering baskets on Tuesday (11/26). For more information, contact David Hunter ([dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)) or Jim Blake ([histnerd60@gmail.com](mailto:histnerd60@gmail.com)).

## Transition Team

BPC's Pastoral Transition Team will be hosting Round-Table Discussions after worship on September 8, 15, and 22. Come and share your thoughts and hopes on the future of BPC!

## Stewardship

BPC is a generous congregation. We offer our gifts to God out of gratitude for all that God has done for us. This Fall, we will be completing the financial commitment phase for our 3-year Capital Campaign, "Building on a Firm Foundation." You can make your gifts during the worship service or online through the church website ([www.bedfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.bedfordpresbyterian.org)).

While we focus on being good stewards of God's gifts all year long, our "Abundant Generosity" Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 20. Commitment Sunday will be November, 17.

## About Us

Bedford Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is a member of the Presbytery of Northern New England. Our congregation was founded in 1749 and our mission has always been to celebrate the love of God, proclaim the grace of Jesus Christ, welcome all into the family of faith and build up the kingdom of God with the help of the Holy Spirit. We are led by our Session of Elders, are cared for by our Board of Deacons, are taught by our Co-Pastors, and are resourced by our church staff. We are seeking to respond to the Spirit, making way for a bright and blessed future.

### Co-Pastors

The Reverend Karen Hagy - [khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org)  
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## Sunday Mornings

*"Worship is the center of our life together. . ."* -- BPC Mission Study, 2012

### 10 AM Worship Service

Join us for worship in the Sanctuary each and every Sunday at 10 AM. *Worship is the center of what we do and our weekly worship service is the center of our life together.* Through scripture, song, sacrament, preaching, and prayer, we offer faithful worship to the God who has called us into being and made us for the purpose of loving God and enjoying God forever. And then we go out into the world, refreshed, strengthened, and empowered to be the hands and feet of Christ.

### Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday (September – May) at 10:15 AM, following the Children's Sermon in the Sanctuary. Children, ages Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to be part of *The Whole People of God* through learning songs and stories from the Bible. Classes are downstairs and are led by our talented team of teachers. For more information, contact Melinda Chen ([maestrachen@gmail.com](mailto:maestrachen@gmail.com)).

### Children's Musical Rehearsal

Every Sunday (September 15-December 8) at 9 AM in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Sarah Murai ([muraisarah@gmail.com](mailto:muraisarah@gmail.com)).


### Nursery

Every Sunday (September – May) from 9:45 – 11:15 AM, nursery care is available for children who are infants through age 3. The nursery is downstairs (below the Fellowship Hall) and is staffed by qualified nursery workers.

### Third Grade Bibles – October 6

All of BPC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receive Bibles. Do you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader? Let us know by contacting the Church Office!

### Classes and Forums

Various classes, forums, book discussions, and other Adult Education opportunities are offered throughout the year. 

## Special Events & Classes

### In-Gathering Series on "Neighborhood Church"

Starting September 8, we will take time as a church to reflect on who our neighbors are and how to be good neighbors. We will do this as part of the worship service.

### In-Gathering Ice Cream & Square Dance – September 8 at 5 PM

Sunday, September 8 – 5-7 PM – Join us at the church for a fun evening for all ages, complete with ice cream sundaes and dancing in the Fellowship Hall.

### Roundtable Talks on Transition

Share your thoughts on the future of BPC with our Transition Team after worship, September 8, 15, and 22. Location, TBA.

### Mission BBQ – September 29 at 5 PM

Join us for a delicious meal, a celebration of BPC's Hurricane Recovery Trip to Puerto Rico, and a concert! RSVP to the church office (472-5841)

### Aristotle: 101 – Sundays at 11 AM

Dr. Bob Godbout will be leading a course on Aristotle, whose thinking shaped the way the world thinks. The class begins on Sunday, October 6 at 9 AM in the Living Room. Books are available at the church Welcome Desk.

### Nutrition during the Holidays

BPC's own Kim Lovely will be leading a one-time enrichment class on "Taking Care of Yourself during the Holidays" on Sunday, November 10, from 11 AM to 12:15 PM in the Youth Activity Room.

## Youth and Confirmation

BPC's Youth group is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders!

- Join us for a Fall Kickoff at Canobie Lake – Sunday, September 15 – 3-7 PM
- Youth Activities – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - TBA
- Confirmation Class – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 5 to 6:30 PM.

## Wednesday Music

### Hilltop Ringers

8:30-10 AM

BPC's Hilltop Ringers Bell Choir makes beautiful music together and is open to people of all ages and musical abilities. The Hilltop Ringers rehearse Wednesday mornings and offer their musical gifts at special times throughout the year.

### Senior Choir

7-8:30 PM

The Senior Choir sings every Sunday during the morning worship service and rehearses every Wednesday night. The Senior Choir is open to people of all musical abilities, from High School through nonagenarians. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Barb Flocco ([weddingorganist@hotmail.com](mailto:weddingorganist@hotmail.com)).

## Wednesday Nights @ BPC

### Dinner & Discussion

6 – 7 PM – Starting Wednesday, September 25

- *The Call: The Life and Message of Paul* – This video series and discussion will provide an introduction to the ministry of the Apostle Paul as an example for all Christians.
- Bring a covered dish to share!

### Committees and Ministry Teams

BPC's Committees and Ministry Teams keep our church vibrant and rolling along. They usually meet on Wednesdays or Sundays. Come and join the team, bring your gifts, energy, and ideas!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays – Building & Grounds (7 PM)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays – Worship (5 PM)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Parish Life (6 PM), Mission (6:30 PM)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Building Bridges (6 PM), Stewardship and Finance (7 PM)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Children's Ministry (11 AM)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Youth Ministry (11 AM)