

From: Bedford Presbyterian Church news@bedfordpresbyterian.org
Subject: Weekly Hilltop Crier
Date: September 11, 2020 at 8:40 AM
To: karen.rutherfordhome.com@bedfordpresbyterian.org

BC

Bedford Presbyterian Church

Hilltop Crier for September 11



Weekly Word September 11

We Are the Church

As I share in the video, above, if this were a "normal" year, this coming Sunday we would be In-Gathering Sunday and I would be inviting you to church.

But this year is anything but "normal," and so, I am inviting you to do something different: to lean on the Holy Spirit as a congregation so that we can "be the church wherever we are."

One of the ways that we are "being" the church is through our online worship services. We are currently streaming our services on YouTube and Facebook. You can find the links to our services in the sidebar on the right of this page.

each week. **yesterday, we sent out a survey** - asking you to give us some vital information on how (or whether) you are accessing worship each week. **Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey!**

Another way that we are "being" the church is through our **online gatherings** - whether it is our weekly Zoom Coffee Hour, committee meetings, a book or Bible study, or online Sunday School from our Children's Ministry Committee. Monthly youth gatherings are being planned for the Fall.

Another way that we are "being" the church is at our **in-person Wednesday Night Evening Prayer services** on the front lawn. We'll be meeting three more times 9/16, 9/23, and 9/30 - for these short, physically distanced gatherings that have been a wonderful place of connection and community all summer.

We are the church, together, and you are an essential part of who we are because the Holy Spirit makes it so.

Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

John

PS - Stay tuned for information from our Covid-19 Task Force and Session about when and how we will be able to start gathering for worship and other activities. We want to keep everyone safe and are praying for the day when we will all be able to gather together, again.

Prepare for Worship

This Week: "When You Pass Through the Waters" - Into the Unknown, Part 2

- Read Exodus 14 and 15
- Read or sing Hymn # 543 - "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"
- Click [HERE](#) to find a copy of this week's bulletin. You'll need to click on the date for this coming Sunday, September 13.

Please join us this Sunday, September 13th, for Virtual Worship!!

Participate in Worship This Week - Sunday at 10 AM

ON FACEBOOK LIVE

ON YOUTUBE LIVE

ON BCTV

BPC's Worship Service is broadcast on Bedford Community Television with a one-week delay on 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

To find a copy of the latest - or an archived - worship bulletin, click following link and follow along with the service:

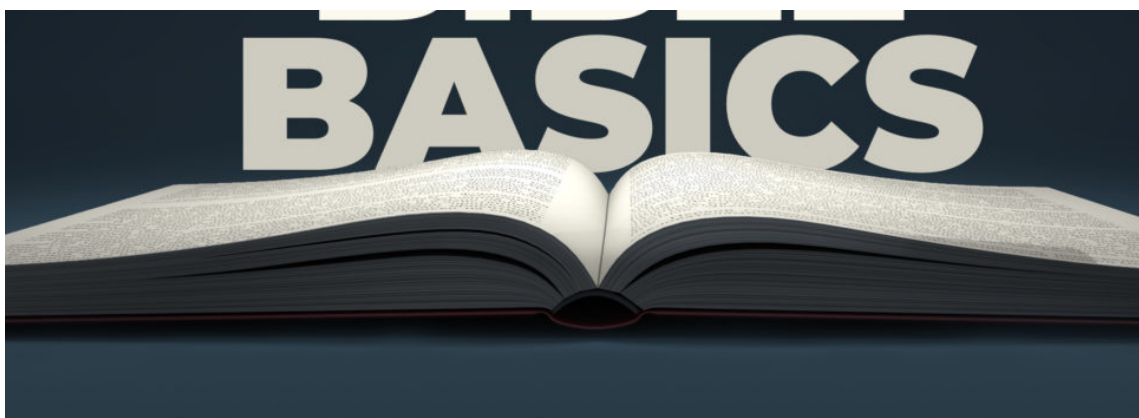
WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETINS

Flowers for Sunday are given in "loving memory of my husband, Don Torbich," by his wife, Penny.

Children's Ministry Lesson

<https://youtu.be/Q9VsYc4kYYI>

BIBLE



Thursday - Lunchtime Bible Basics

Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, join us on Zoom for a fun time of learning about the Bible, about God, and about one another.

Led by Pastor John Sawyer.

**Do you need to do any reading beforehand? No.
Will there be any homework? Not unless you want some.
Do I need to bring anything else? Just bring your questions, and an open mind and heart.**

THIS WEEK (9/17) - ADAM AND EVE (Genesis 3)

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING ON THURSDAY AT NOON](#)



Evening Prayer - Wednesday Nights on the Front Lawn

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 PM through the month of September

Every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM through the month of September
we will hold an in-person gathering for **Evening Prayer**
on the front lawn of the church (right next to Church Rd.).

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. Sorry, but no hugs or handshakes. **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 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. **The church building will NOT be open** - even for the restroom (except in case of emergency, of course).
7. **If it rains** (lightly), bring an umbrella. **If it pours** (heavily), the service will be postponed until the following Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you at church - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



As part of our Covid-19 ministry, the BPC Mission Committee has been supporting Amoskeag Health, one of our Adopt-A-Family partners. Formerly known as Manchester Community Health Services, Amoskeag Health is a non-profit community health services organization in Manchester.

healthcare services provider in Manchester.

With the start of school in the midst of a pandemic, there is an emerging and urgent need to help students, in a variety of ways. Amoskeag Health is anticipating an growing need for tutors, and is gearing up to coordinate volunteers to meet the need.

With this announcement, the BPC Mission Committee is now recruiting tutors from the congregation of Bedford Presbyterian Church. In addition to Amoskeag Health we are beginning to hear of potential tutoring needs from our contacts in the Bedford School system.

If you are interested in learning more about being a tutor, please reach out to Jac Daly or Larry Cowen, contact the church office, or email Missions@bedfordpresbyterian.org.

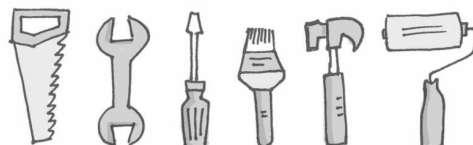


Virtual Christmas Musical

This year's musical will be done virtually through zoom rehearsals and individual music recording sessions at home. Further details are included when you click the link to sign up.

Here is the link to Christmas musical sign ups.

|| <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4FA8A828A3FE3-bpcvirtual>



Buildings and Grounds Committee

Greetings from the Buildings and Grounds Committee!

While in person worship and meetings have been on hiatus, the B&G group has been quite busy. We are in constant and dire need of volunteers to help make committee decisions, and to help with odd jobs at the church. If you are willing to help in either capacity, please contact B&G Elder Sean Michalski at sean.michalski@gmail.com



BPC AND OTHERS BOOK GROUP

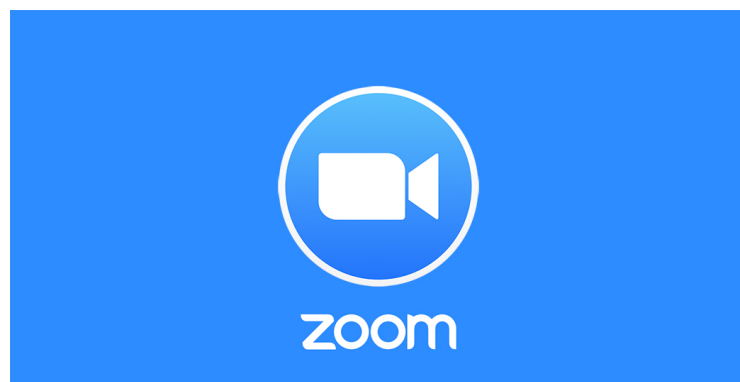
Looking for opportunities to stay connected to BPC during our time of social distancing? Enjoy reading and discussing books with other readers?

Join us for the **BPC and Others Book Group!** We meet monthly via Zoom with dates to be decided by the group.

Our next discussion on September 22 at 7:00 is the book *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. There is also a movie based on the book by the same title. Please join us!

Anyone is invited; you don't have to attend BPC. If you know someone who might be interested, pass this on.

For more information or to get the Zoom meeting link, email Sharon Cowen at cowenfamily@comcast.net, or Bethany Avery at plantebethany@gmail.com



WAYS TO CONNECT VIRTUALLY THIS WEEK AT BPC

**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/86224206586?
pwd=cFBnc0ZKd3R3cTFUQ2xQVzB6V1hJUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86224206586?pwd=cFBnc0ZKd3R3cTFUQ2xQVzB6V1hJUT09)

Meeting ID: 862 2420 6586

Passcode: 191448

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US

Meeting ID: 862 2420 6586

Passcode: 191448

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

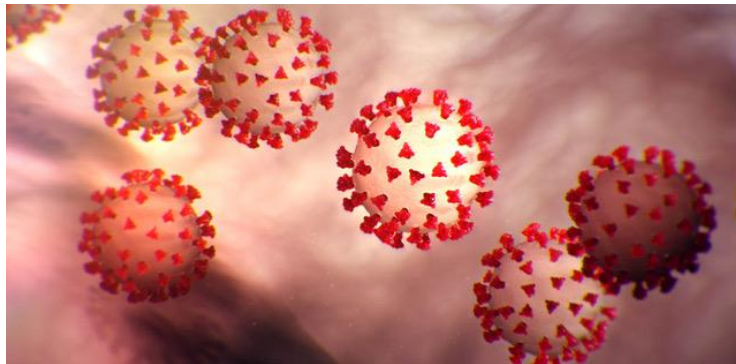
**Scott Cranuan
Bob Davis
Garrick and Dawn Johnson
Su Metcalfe
Sarah Murai
Mark Myers
Rick Phelps
James Reese
Amy Sawyer
Keith Stahl
Audrey Stanas
Deb Stanas
Andrew Wu
Karen Wu**

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; 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 to the impact of COVID-19. Jesus taught us that we must provide for our neighbor especially in difficult times. *For what you have done to the least of these, you have 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 can 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 0.5% 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.

[Visit Our Website](#)

[Like us on Facebook](#)

[SUBSCRIBE TO LIST](#)

[FORWARD EMAIL](#)

Copyright © 2015. All Rights Reserved.

Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford, NH 03110

[SafeUnsubscribe™ karen.rutherfordhome.com@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:karen.rutherfordhome.com@bedfordpresbyterian.org)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by news@bedfordpresbyterian.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!

