

## 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 at [lcowen@usa.net](mailto:lcowen@usa.net).

- New Horizons Soup Kitchen – 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month at 4:15 PM. Contact Jodi Coulter ([jmccoulter98@gmail.com](mailto:jmccoulter98@gmail.com)).
- Helping Hands Home Repair – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (8 AM – 4 PM) at the Dismas House in Manchester. Contact George Reese ([georeese@msn.com](mailto:georeese@msn.com)).
- Dismas House Dinner – Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (2:45 – 5 PM). Contact Katherine Daly ([dalyk8@gmail.com](mailto:dalyk8@gmail.com)).
- Caring Closet – TBA – Contact Susan Reese ([susan\\_g\\_reese@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_g_reese@hotmail.com)).

## 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.

## Committees and 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)

## Stewardship

BPC is a generous congregation. We offer our gifts to God out of gratitude for all that God has done for us. You can make your gifts during the worship service or online through the church website ([www.bedfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.bedfordpresbyterian.org)).

We focus on being good stewards of God's gifts all year long. If you have not yet made a financial commitment to BPC for 2019, you are invited to do so, giving thanks to God.

## 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.

We welcome one and all! Feel free to contact the pastors to talk about life at BPC.

### Co-Pastors

The Reverend Karen Hagy –  
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The Reverend John Sawyer –  
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### Director of Music

Barb Flocco – [weddingorganist@hotmail.com](mailto:weddingorganist@hotmail.com)

### Administrative Assistant

Michelle Jones –  
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**Advent and Winter  
Activities  
At BPC  
for  
Children, Youth,  
and Adults**

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## Sunday Mornings

### 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. 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

Sundays (September – May) at 10:15 AM, following the Children's Sermon in worship. 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)). Sunday School will not meet on 11/25, 12/30, 2/24, 3/3, and 4/21.

### Nursery

Every Sunday (September – May) from 9:45 – 11:15 AM, infants through age 3. The nursery is downstairs (below the Fellowship Hall) and is staffed by qualified nursery workers. No nursery on 12/30.

## 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. They rehearse on Wednesday mornings.

### 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)).

## Advent Events at BPC

### Advent Devotional

Make Advent a special time of expectation with *God Lifts the Lowly*, a devotional book for Advent. Copies will be available, starting November 25.

### Saturday, December 1

- 3-6 PM – St. Nick's Shop – Parents' Afternoon Out – childcare offered. Contact Melinda Chen ([maestrachen@gmail.com](mailto:maestrachen@gmail.com)) to RSVP.

### Sunday, December 2

- 10 AM – *God's Name is Holy* – Worship
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM – Dinner, Hanging the Greens, and Learning about Advent. Pizza will be provided. Bring a salad to share!

### Sunday, December 9

- 10 AM – *God's Name is Merciful* – Worship with the Children's Musical – Back to the Manger. Join us for this annual BPC tradition, when the children of our church retell the Christmas story through song.
- 4:30 PM – Youth Planning for Christmas Eve and Yankee Swap Christmas Party!

### Wednesday, December 12

- 1:30 PM – Advent Worship Service at Birch Hill Terrace.

### Sunday, December 16

- 10 AM – *God Name is Powerful* – Worship
- 5 PM – Blue Christmas Service – The Christmas season is not always merry and bright, especially for those who have experienced loss, illness, or are having difficulties. This service is designed for those whose Christmas season is often bittersweet.

### Sunday, December 23

- 10 AM – *God's Name is Jesus* – Worship with Choirs, Bells, and Christmas Joy Offering.
- 6 PM – Living Nativity – An annual BPC tradition! To play a part, contact Sean Michalski ([sean.michalski@gmail.com](mailto:sean.michalski@gmail.com)).

## Christmas Eve Services\*

### Monday, December 24

#### 5 PM – Children and Family Service

- All ages are welcome to this service designed for children and families.

#### 7 PM – Youth Service

- Youth led with youth preachers and musicians.

#### 9 PM – Candlelight Service

- Choirs, carols, and Christmas message.

\*Candle lighting at each service.

## Classes and Forums

### Sunday Forums

11 AM – Youth Lounge

- *Truth and Beauty in Science, Spirit, and Society* – How do we find the truth in an era when so much is called into question? How do we find the truth? Join Dr. Paul Carr on this insightful exploration of an important and timely subject – 11/11, 12/2, and 12/9.
- *Nutrition vs. Germs – Fighting Viruses this Winter* – It's impossible to spend the whole winter at home and not be exposed to germs. How does what we eat help to fight germs? Join Kim Lovely, a licensed dietician, to find out on 12/16.
- Starting in March – a Lenten Book Study on *The Cross in our Context: Jesus and the Suffering World*, led by Dr. Bob Godbout.

### Wednesday Dinner & Discussion

6– 7:10 PM – Fellowship Hall

- *Overcoming Life's Disappointments* by Harold Kushner. Join us for this book discussion, led by the Co-Pastors, on how to live with unfulfilled dreams, pain, loss, and illness through the lens of Moses in the Book of Exodus – 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, and 2/20.
- Bring a covered dish to share!

## BPC Youth in January

### January 20

Service Project at Families in Transition – 4:30 PM. More info will be on the way about an overnight retreat in February.