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Hilltop Crier for November 8



I love checking the mailbox - I always have. When I was growing up, I would always look forward to seeing the mail carrier's truck come down our street. What could they be delivering to our home? Magazines? Letters from loved-ones? Catalogs? Columbia House cassette tapes? Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes checks? Junk mail? Who knew? The possibilities could be endless.

In recent months, a lot of the mail we've been getting has been mostly mailers from various political candidates and, unfortunately, not a whole lot of Columbia House cassette tapes. But, checking the mailbox is still an important endeavor, especially this week.

I want to let you know about two important pieces of mail from BPC that you will be receiving this week.

First, a letter from our Transition Team is headed your way (and might even be in Friday's mail). The letter talks about the recommendation of the Team and the Session regarding the pastoral leadership model for BPC moving into 2020 after the retirement of Karen Hagy. The letter outlines the proposed changes as well as offers a couple of dates for informational meetings before the congregation meets at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8.

Second, a letter will be coming from our Stewardship Committee. This will be in a larger envelope and will have a beautiful brochure that celebrates the great things going on in our congregation and the great people who are serving, a letter that explains more of the financial picture of the church, and a commitment card. You are invited to prayerfully consider your 2020 financial commitment to the church. Please return the card, and bring it with you to church on Sunday, November 17 (or mail it in to the church office).

There is a lot going on in the life of our church - some big changes - and checking your mailbox for these two mailings from BPC will help you to stay informed and stay committed.

Thank you for all of the ways that you offer your gifts to God here at BPC. . .

See you at church!

Grace and Peace,

John

Prepare for Worship

This Week: One Way to Live - Living Sacrifically through Abundant Serving)

- Read Psalm 146
- Read Romans 12:1-13
- Read or sing Hymn # 697 - Take My Life and Let it Be
- Read or sing Hymn # 710 - We Lift Our Voices - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vE3>

Click on the link below for a copy of this week's bulletin:

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/3415/7314/3067/2019_-_November10-_Bulletin

Construction Zone in Mission Outpost Area (Old Parish Hall)

**Construction has begun on the Mission Outpost area of the church.
Please watch your kiddo's as this is now a construction zone area!**

The work in the Mission Outpost is very exciting!

We will occasionally be posting pictures of the progress.

Here are a few photos of the work that has been accomplished this week. . .



The new furnace is here! The new furnace is here! That's right, we have a new furnace in the hasn't been installed yet, but it is in boxes and will be installed in a couple of weeks.

Below, you can see the new return vents in the furnace room. There is new ductwork throughout the zone and we are excited that the space will have proper heating and electrical wiring.





Speaking of electrical wiring, conduits are being run throughout the work zone to ensure excellent as well as electrical connectivity for the entire space.



Welcome to RYODBC ~ Read Your Own Darn Book Club

RYODB is not your traditional book club. It works more like a book swap. Simply arrive with a few books (of any genre) that you really enjoyed or even LOVED! Say a few words about the books. Did it take you on a compelling journey, have quirky and wonderful dialogue, a unique view point, or just a great story. Be willing to part with the book(s) or at least send it on a lengthy journey! Once everyone is done sharing ~ the book swap begins!
We hope you will join us for a fun evening.

RYODBC next meeting:

Thursday November 14th @ 7PM

Susan Swain's home 15 Pasture Ln Bedford NH

RSVP Susan at swaindack@comcast.net or 603-714-0516

Beverages and Appetizers will be served



It's that time of year when the Deacons will be sending out care packages to our college students. Please use the link below to fill out your student's information. Thanks!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKtu0MC6vMIBtr6YQo4YzN8yXLwNfui2uTgnLBsZVXz5hL0usp=sf_link

Volunteer to Serve Dinner at the Soup Kitchen
Friday, November 29 from 4:15-5:45 pm
199 Manchester St. in Manchester

You are invited to serve dinner at the New Horizons for New Hampshire Soup Kitchen. This way to engage in fellowship and service while we help the community. We need 8-10 BPC volunteers to serve over 100 individuals and families. Please email Jodi Coulter at jmculter98@gmail.com.



St. Nick's Workshop and Parents' Afternoon Out

Attention Moms and Dads! The Children's Ministry Committee would like to offer you a free aftershop, bake, or simply relax before Christmas. Your children aged 4-12 are invited to a fun after Nick's Workshop (held in Fellowship Hall) on December 7 from 2pm-5pm. There, they will make gifts for family and participate in fun Christmas-themed activities. Snacks will be provided.

Christmas Musical--"It's So Bright!"

Mark your calendar for this year's Christmas musical, entitled, "It's So Bright!" The musical will be performed by the children and youth of BPC at the 10:00am service on Sunday, December 15th, followed by a coffee hour and reception to celebrate our hard-working cast and crew!

Please note Sunday School will not meet during school vacations so there will be no Sunday School on 12/11, 12/20, 2/23, 3/1, 4/26, 5/3. We will celebrate the conclusion of our church School year on

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Be on the lookout for more children's ministry activities to come!!!
The Children's Ministry Committee at BPC is joyfully called to inspire and nurture the children at BPC, to introduce them to faith, church life, to help them know and love God, and to know they belong to a close church family! If CMC can be of service to your family or if you have a question about CMC and children's programming at BPC, please email Melinda Chen at maestrachen@gmail.com or talk to Pastor Karen!

God Bless! The Children's Ministry Committee of BPC



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL NEEDS - CAN YOU HELP?

1. At least two backstage helpers (total of about 9 hours of rehearsal / show hours - 3 hours Dec 14, 3 hours Dec 15) - perhaps kids in confirmation class would like to help out as part of their required volunteer / service hours?
2. Small stools, step-stool size, preferably wood
3. Knap-sack, biblical period appearance
4. Blanket or two, biblical period appearance
5. Animal puppet (barnyard animals - could use 2 more)
6. Sheep puppets or stuffed animals
7. Rubber Chicken



Adult Education

"Taking Care of Yourself during the Holiday Season"

A one-time offering by Nutritionist Kim Lovely in November. November 10th at 11 a.m.

Activity Room.

A two-topic workshop designed to give you practical ways of improving your health by what you eat and show you innovative brain hacks which will help you manage appetite and food intake. Understand how you can use your own brain to meet your healthy weight goals. Part two is a revisit of a topic we did last year- nutrition strategies to help you stay well during the virus and how to feel better if you do catch a virus.

We will sample foods that help meet nutrient needs, reduce food consumption and help both resist viral illness and heal from the affects of viral illness.

This will be a fun workshop where you can feel free to ask questions when they arise and things you can put into practice right away that will positively impact your health.



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 donated to BPC. You can access [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and benefit BPC using the following link (bit.ly/smilebpc)

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