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Bedford Presbyterian Church

Hilltop Crier for November 13

Can We Breathe, Together?



The Presbyterian Church has a requirement for ministers every year that involves logging onto a website and doing a series of activities on health, finance, and well-being. The idea is, the more "mindful" ministers are about our health, finance, and well-being, the better care we will take of ourselves, our families, and our congregations.

I was going through one of these activities the other day and clicked on something called "Mindfulness Training." Some of you might know about "mindfulness," which is a way of slowing down, focusing on one's own breath, and becoming mindful of the

present moment. The idea is that we aren't necessarily thinking about the past or the future - just dwelling in the present. As I sat there, listening to the instructor's voice, I realized that bit by bit, with each and ever breath, I became more relaxed and more "present." "Boy," I thought, "A whole lot of people sure could use this right about now."

The Covid-19 Pandemic has a lot of us missing the way things were in the past and thinking about the way things we hope will be in the future. But living in the present is where we are - as strange and as unpredictable as the present can be.

When I went through the online "Mindfulness Training" course, I couldn't help but wonder what would happen if we all got together just to breathe. Now, I know that we can't do that because breathing together is what spreads Covid-19, but I'd like to encourage you to do some safely distanced breathing with your BPC family this coming Sunday evening.

Join us for Fireside Faith and Fellowship this Sunday evening, November 15, at 6 PM. Wear a mask, bring a chair, and join us in the church parking lot for a time of evening prayer and fellowship around a fire.

I hope to see you at church!

Grace and Peace,

John

Prepare for Worship

This Week: "When You Hear Your Name" - Pathways to Generosity - Part 3

- Read Luke 19:1-10
- Read Psalm 51
- Read or sing Hymn # 726 - "Will You Come And Follow Me"
- Click [HERE](#) to find a copy of this week's bulletin. You'll need to click on the November 1st date.

Please join us this Sunday, November 15th, for Online 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 16.

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETINS

Flowers for Sunday are given by Paula and Bruce Olsen "in loving memory of our niece, Maureen Donovan Ran; in loving memory of Bruce's beloved sister, Beth Olsen; and in loving memory of Bruce's father, Stan Olsen

Sunday School Lesson

https://bit.ly/BPC_SundaySchool

Pre-K Lesson

(Stay tuned for next week)

MyBPC: Online Giving Software Change

We are so thankful for all who have switched to online giving during the pandemic. Through your support, we have been able to adapt and sustain our ministry.

The "pause" in church operations has created an opportunity for us to update our internal systems. At the end of the day on October 31, we will be discontinuing our old system and moving to Breeze church management software. Breeze costs less and is easier to use than our current system. If you have given online to BPC in the past, you will need to re-enter your credit card or bank information into Breeze, which is very easy to use! Once again, thank you for your support of BPC!

You may contribute and update recurring giving anytime with this new link to MyBPC online giving, which is now live and ready for use: bit.ly/GiveOnlineBPC

SIGN UP TO ATTEND OUR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

We are expanding the number of people allowed in our sanctuary and you are invited to come to church.

If you'd like to come, click the link:

<https://reopen.church/r/AGBaKfmw>



Adopt A Family Christmas Gift Giving

HAPPENING NOW!
THE ONLINE SIGN UP FOR VIRTUAL ORNAMENTS IS LIVE!

FOR A "LESS VIRTUAL" SIGN UP OPTION:

contact Karen Bagnardi bpcadoptfamily@gmail.com, 215-534-7216 (call or text) and Karen can assign you an ornament and/or gift card purchase of your choice.

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

<https://bpcnh.breezechms.com/form/298c7f>

You will then receive an email or text containing both the link to the virtual sign up page, and the Adopt A Family 2020 program instructions.

(If you register and don't see your email please check your junk folder)

GIFT RETURN DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1ST

Curbside gift return schedule starts November 5th

TUESDAYS 7:30-9:30 AM, THURSDAYS 5-7 PM, SUNDAYS 2-4 PM

(no gift return on Thanksgiving Day 11/26)

FULL PROGRAM DETAILS HERE:

<https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/church-life/adopt-family/>

We are so thankful for your generosity, The Mission Committee

**BIBLE
BASICS**



Please Join Us This Sunday, November 15th, For Virtual Worship!!

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.

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



Children and Youth of BPC!

We are looking forward to an exciting year together with you. While we are still observing careful social distancing, we cannot wait to bring Children's and Youth Ministry activities to you. We have been working on fun lessons and activities to help you continue on your spiritual journey. Throughout this coming year, we plan to learn about how we can all Be the Light by following Matthew 5:14 during these challenging times.

Parents and Guardians!

Please be sure to register your children, smalls and tall, to ensure timely delivery of communications and links to all the enjoyable online Sunday School lessons, Zoom get-togethers, in-person (and socially careful) events outside, while the weather is still decent.

REGISTER TODAY

<https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/education/registration/>

Be sure to fill out one registration per child in the household, and be sure to provide the grade they have entered this fall.

We look forward to "seeing" you all in the coming weeks ahead.

With Peace and Grace,

~ Your Youth and Children's Ministry teams



Adult Academy Faith Study Opportunity

Starting in October, Elder Sean Michalski will be leading a 6-week course from the Presbyterian Church (USA) called "Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community." We will be reading scripture through the curriculum from the denomination as well as additional scripture readings, discussion about reformed theology, and the church's Confessions to explore Christian responses to matters of race. What is our task as Christians? How should we respond? What is God calling us to do in light of all that is going on in the world?

The course will be "asynchronous," which means that you can access the material at any time, and will involve YouTube videos, online discussion, as well as reading and reflection.

We know that the topic of race is a charged one - especially in these days - and we know that people might disagree on certain things, but one of the ways toward finding common ground with our neighbors is to engage the same material so that we are all, literally, on the same page as we start our discussions. If you are interested in joining the group, please send an email to Sean.Michalski@gmail.com and so Youtube links and study materials can be provided.

Let us study the Word together. . .



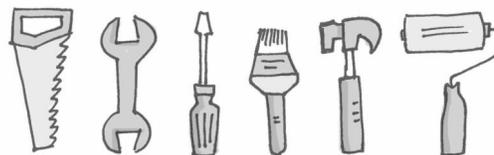


As part of our Covid-19 ministry, the BPC Mission Committee has been supporting Amoskeag Health, one of our Adopt-A-Family partners. Formerly known as Manchester Community Health Services, Amoskeag Health is a non-profit community healthcare services provider in Manchester.

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 Jack Daly or Larry Cowen, contact the church office, or email Mission@bedfordpresbyterian.org.



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 meeting is **Dec 1 at 7:30 to discuss *Everything I Never Told you*, by Celeste Ng.** It's a great book and a guaranteed discussion generator.

In honor of the holiday season, we will meet again on **Dec 15 at 7:30, not to discuss a book, but for a virtual holiday party.** We will talk about what and why we love to read and anything else anyone wants to talk about. Please come so we can see everyone, even if you've never come before.

For Jan (date TBD), we decided to read *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Dr. Brene Brown per Linda Phelps's extremely high praise for the book. If you've never heard of her, or even if you have, here's the link to Brene Brown's sermon at The National Cathedral:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Brene+Brown+National+Cathedral&&view=detail&mid=64738C6C98C8DD41073364738C6C98C8DD410733&&FORM=VDRVSR>

All are invited to participate; 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
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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. . .

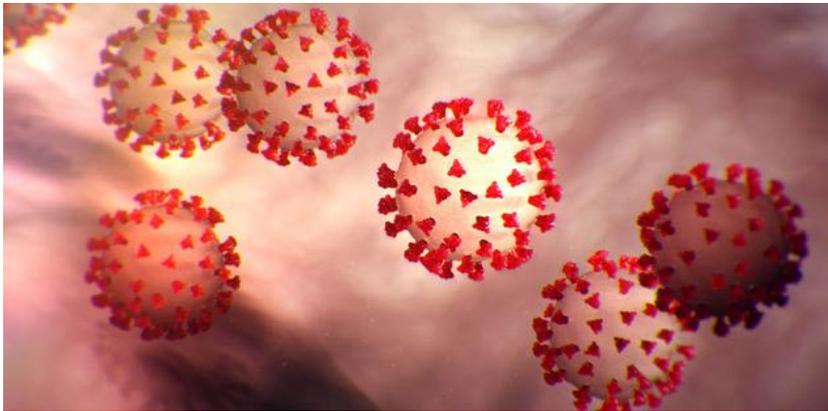
**Scott Crandall
Bob Davis
Garrick and Dawn Johnson
Su Metcalfe
Sarah Murai
Mark Myers
Rick Phelps**

**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 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.

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