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# Bedford Presbyterian Church

## Hilltop Crier for October 2



Weekly Word October 2

### **An Invitation to Church!**

I want to tell you about two opportunities for you to come to church. . .

First, you are invited to sign up to be with us during one of our 10 AM livestream worship services. We are expanding the number of people who can be present in sanctuary and are ready to welcome (with certain guidelines like mask-wearing and staying physically distant from others) you to worship. We are asking you to limit your attendance to once a month at this time, but want to make it easy for you to

your attendance to once a month at this time, but want to make it easy for you to up. Here's the link for you to click for the sign-up form:

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

Second, you are invited to attend two candlelight vigils that are part of a nationwide program called "Mourning Into Unity." In this pandemic season, these vigils are time of communal lament over those who have died from Covid-19. On two Mondays, October 12 and October 19, at 6 PM, you are invited to come to the front lawn at BPC. We are hosting this event for the state of New Hampshire. These services are sponsored by the New Hampshire Council of Churches and will be led by a combination of clergy and medical professionals who have been battling Covid-19 at local hospitals since March.

Just so you know, if you do not feel like being present at church for either a Sunday service, livestream or one of the candlelight vigils, there are ways for you to join us online. We want you to know that you are missed but that you are still - and will always be - part of our church family.

Grace and Peace,

John

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### **Prepare for Worship**

This Week: "Rules of the Road" - Into the Unknown, Part 5

- Read Exodus 20:1-21
- Read or sing Hymn # 538 - "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"  
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAyUtHGK8as>
- Click [HERE](#) to find a copy of this week's bulletin. You'll need to click on the date for this coming Sunday, October 4.
- This week is World Communion Sunday! Be sure to have some bread and something to drink (preferably grape-based) ready for Sunday morning's service. FYI - There might just be some bread headed to your doorstep! :)

**Please join us this Sunday, October 4th, for Online Worship**

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**Participate in Worship This Week - Sunday at 10 AM**

**[ON FACEBOOK LIVE](#)**

**[ON YOUTUBE 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](http://www.bedfordtv.com) and click on "Watch Live" under Channel 16.*

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

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETINS**

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### **Children's Ministry Lesson**

<https://bit.ly/2RUB9yY>

### **Pre-K Lesson**

[https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/4216/0095/3544/Pre-K\\_92720.pdf](https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/4216/0095/3544/Pre-K_92720.pdf)

## **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>



**BPC HOSTS CANDLELIGHT VIGILS  
October 12 and 19 at 6 PM**

**"Mourning Into Unity" is a nationwide program that invites people come together and mourn the loss of those who have died from Covid**

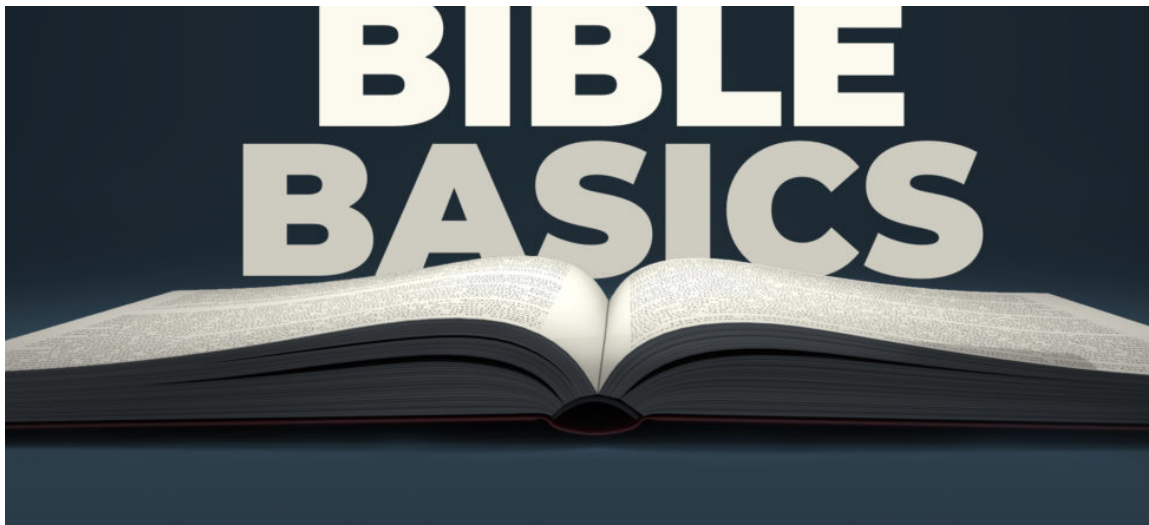
**BPC, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Council of Churches, is host site for the state of New Hampshire.**

**The vigils will be led by clergy and medical professionals and will be held on two Monday nights - October 12 and 19 - at 6 PM on the front steps lawn of the church.**

**Masks will be worn and social distancing will be practiced.**

**There will also be opportunities for you to join the vigils via Zoom. Links will be provided next week.**





## **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 (10/8) - Ishmael and Isaac (Genesis 16-22)**

**[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 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**

(please hyperlink the text to the left so it goes here: <https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/education/registration/> )

Be sure to fill out one registration per child in the household, and be sure 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

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 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 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](mailto: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 Jac Daly or Larry Cowen, contact the church office, or email [Missions@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:Missions@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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:cowenfamily@comcast.net), or Bethany Avery at [plantebethany@gmail.com](mailto: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

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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. . .**

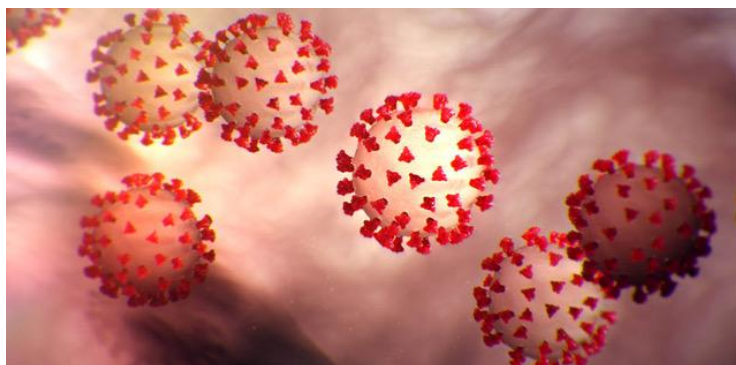
**Scott Crandall  
Bob Davis  
Garrick and Dawn Johnson  
Su Metcalfe  
Sarah Murai  
Mark Myers  
Rick Phelps  
James Reese  
Amy Sawyer  
Keith Stahl  
Audrey Stanas  
Deb Stanas  
Andrew Wu  
Karen Wu**

**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 let  
your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to  
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](https://bit.ly/smilebpc)).

Per Capita for 2020 is \$49 per member.

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