

## 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 Jodi Coulter at [jmcoulter98@gmail.com](mailto:jmcoulter98@gmail.com).

- New Horizons Soup Kitchen - 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month - August 31 and November 30 at 4:15 PM. Contact Jodi Coulter ([jmcoulter98@gmail.com](mailto:jmcoulter98@gmail.com)).
- Helping Hands Home Repair - Every 3rd 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)).
- Caregivers Caring Cupboard Food Deliveries - November 1, in the early evening. Contact Charlene Isham ([ecisham@comcast.net](mailto:ecisham@comcast.net)).

## 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.

**Thanksgiving Baskets** - BPC packs and delivers 250 "Thanksgiving Baskets" to those who are in need every year. This year, we will be packing baskets on Sunday and Monday (11/18-19) and will be delivering baskets on Tuesday (11/20). For more information, contact David Hunter ([dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)) or Rich Rudduck ([richard.rudduck@emdmillipore.com](mailto:richard.rudduck@emdmillipore.com)).

## Stewardship

BPC is a generous congregation. We offer our gifts to God out of gratitude for all that God has done for us. This Fall, we will be completing the financial commitment phase for our 3-year Capital Campaign, "Building on a Firm Foundation." You can make your gifts during the worship service or online through the church website ([www.bedfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.bedfordpresbyterian.org)).

While we focus on being good stewards of God's gifts all year long, our "Fearless Generosity" Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 28. Commitment Sunday will be November, 18.

## 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.

### Co-Pastors

The Reverend Karen Hagy - [khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org)  
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## Sunday Mornings

*"Worship is the center of our life together. . . We recognize that people's lives are enriched through varied forms and different expressions of faithful worship. . ."* -- BPC Mission Study, 2012

### 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. Through scripture, song, sacrament, preaching, and prayer, 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

Every Sunday (September - May) at 10:15 AM, following the Children's Sermon in the Sanctuary. 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)).

### Children's Musical Rehearsal

Every Sunday (September 16-December 9) at 9 AM in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Sarah Murai ([muraisarah@gmail.com](mailto:muraisarah@gmail.com)).

### Nursery

Every Sunday (September - May) from 9:45 - 11:15 AM, nursery care is available for children who are infants through age 3. The nursery is downstairs (below the Fellowship Hall) and is staffed by qualified nursery workers.

### Classes and Forums

Various classes, forums, book discussions, and other Adult Education opportunities are offered throughout the year. Check the weekly bulletin and newsletter for more information.

## Sunday Evenings

### 1st Sunday - All-Church Activities

5:00 - 6:30 PM - Dinner, Classes, and Prayer

- September 9 - In-Gathering Celebration with supper, evening prayer, activities and a visit from the Ben & Jerry's food truck!
- October 7 - Supper, Classes -
  - Children - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Youth - 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Adult A - Family Faith Formation # 1
  - Adult B - Having Difficult Conversations # 1
- November 4 - Supper, Classes -
  - Children - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Youth - 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Adult A - Family Faith Formation # 2
  - Adult B - Having Difficult Conversations # 2
- December 2 - Advent Event

### 2nd Sunday - New Member Classes

4:30 - 6:30 PM -

- October 14 and November 11 - Interested in learning more about BPC or becoming a member of the church? Join us for a relaxed conversation about what it means to be Presbyterian and part of our church.

### 3rd Sunday - Youth Fun/Service

- September 23 - 4:30-6:30 PM - TBA
- October 21 - 4:30-6:30 PM - TBA
- November 18 - 4:30-6:30 PM - Packing Thanksgiving Baskets

### 4th Sundays - Fellowship Events

- Apple Picking September 30
- MEET Group ~ October Fest @ The Swains date and time TBA

## Children & Youth Music

Children's Choir and Chimes for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will sing and ring on 11/18. Youth Singers will sing several times in the Fall. Rehearsals on Sundays, TBA. For more information, contact Barb Flocco ([weddingorganist@hotmail.com](mailto:weddingorganist@hotmail.com)).

## 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. The Hilltop Ringers rehearse Wednesday mornings and offer their musical gifts at special times throughout the year.

### 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)).

## Wednesday Nights @ BPC

### Dinner & Discussion

6 - 7:15 PM - Starting Wednesday, October 10

- *Muslims, Christians, and Jesus* - This video series and discussion will provide an introduction to Islam and an opportunity to learn about how to be good neighbors.
- Bring a covered dish to share!

### Committees and Ministry 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)