

A FEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

FRONTLINE MINISTRY ~ GREETERS AND USHERS ~ Do you want to have an immediate impact? Are you friendly and inviting? Ushers and greeters are on the "frontlines"! You set the climate of the church and bring a true reflection of the church by your welcoming smile, helpful attitude, and making others feel welcome and comfortable! Join our team!

EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, December 3 – 9, 2019 ~ We partner with other churches and organizations through **Neighbor's Link** to offer a week of safe shelter and 3 meals a day for the homeless. We make a delicious, hot evening meal, a safe place to bed down, breakfast in the morning, and a bag lunch to take with them for the day. We will be asking YOU to participate in this endeavor by providing the meals during that week.

BLOOD DRIVE ~ We host 2 blood drives a year. First date is Friday, October 5, 3:30 - 8:30 pm. Please watch for more dates. Sign up to give blood at: Redcrossblood.org, and look for our location. Come and give the most precious of gifts to others...your blood!

WORSHIP MINISTRY – Join the worship/music ministry as an instrumentalist or singer.

TECHNOLOGY / MEDIA – Join our Technology/ Media Team (soundboard, computer, etc.). You'll receive training.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY – Be part of a team to team to provide goodies or service at our coffee hour or at occasional luncheons.

TUTORING – We offer free tutoring for 1st – 12th grades at BCC on Tues and Thurs afternoons, and we tutor at Bedford Hills Elem School on Mon and Thurs. We are looking for both tutors and kids needing tutoring.

BEDFORD HILLS WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY is a maximum security women's prison in Bedford Hills. We reach out in several ways:

- During the year, we **provide lunches** for the children who come to visit their Moms at the prison on weekends. We will inform you of dates as they arise.
- **Host families** are needed during the summer months to house a child or two who come to be with their Mom for a week. This is a time that the children look forward to with great joy and anticipation. They stay with a host family during the evening and overnight and then are returned to the prison to be with their Mom during the day.
- Several times throughout the year, we will ask for donations of **clothes or toys** for various projects at the prison.
- **Prison Partners** - It is healing for a woman in prison to have a relationship that is caring, honest, and trustworthy. Most of the incarcerated women have had very few, if any, of these. We encourage our women to commit to monthly visits with women in the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. These women are our neighbors, yet many of them have little to no outside contact. We want to provide them with much-needed emotional support, encouragement and friendship; and to stretch our own capacity for empathy and understanding by developing a relationship of mutual respect and caring with someone whose history and circumstances is quite possibly very different from our own.

If you are interested in ANY of the above opportunities contact Lois Shellrude and she will connect you with the appropriate leader of that outreach. **Contact:** Lois@BedfordCommunityChurch.org