This Week in Worship

Saturday, September 28
5:00 p.m.
&
Sunday, September 29
10:00 a.m.

Rev. Linda E. Owens Preaching
“Lost Souls”

Scriptures:
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

The Adult Choir
“Poor Man Lazrus”
“Thou Knowest, Lord”

Congregational Meeting,
Sunday October 6, 2019

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bound Brook has called for a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, October 6th following the 10 AM worship service for the purpose of electing Susan Sebastian to the Nominating Committee and to dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee with gratitude for their service.
Church Chat

Church Chat September 28 & 29
Join Pastor Linda and members of Session after church for an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions regarding the life of the church. Please reference ‘Session Highlights’ on page 7.

Church Grounds Clean Up Day

September 28, 9—11:30am
Join us as we freshen up the landscape of our church home. We will be raking, pruning, gardening, and mulching. Bring your tools and a helping hand. No experience necessary, all are welcome!

Usher Training

Save the Date!
Sunday, October 6th

When: Immediately following the Sunday Service
Where: Sanctuary

Usher training and refresher course. All welcome! If you’re a seasoned Usher OR would like to be – THIS “get together” is for YOU! Grab your refreshments and meet Steve & Adriana for training.

Elder: Issues and Answers:

The Elder: Issues & Answer group will be having a guest speaker from "Home Instead Senior Care" on October 9, 2019 at 10 AM. Bob Schweidel and his staff will discuss the services "Home Instead Senior Care" provides to families and loved ones in need of this type of care.

All are welcome and please bring a friend or two!!!
Weekend Journey Through the Past

We are once again having the opportunity to participate in the annual Weekend Journey Through the Past which is a collaborative program of historic sites in Somerset County organized by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Visitors visit various buildings throughout the County to see history. This year the dates are Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13. We will need volunteers to lead tours through our church. All the information you might need will be available for you. It is a wonderful opportunity for visitors to see our beautiful church. Please consider volunteering for some time during these two days. The time slots will be two-hour time periods. However, we can be flexible. Please contact Kathy A. Hobbs, kathyahobbs6@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Photography Session With Lifetouch Studios

REMINDER: Photographs with Lifetouch are quickly approaching: October 9 - 12. Please sign up for your photograph to be taken at church this weekend and next. If you are unable to have your photograph taken on these dates and want to submit a photo for the directory, please send a digital picture to kathyahobbs6@gmail.com. Thank you very much.

There are sign-ups in the reception area. Online sign-ups are available through the following link: https://booknow-lifetouch.appointmentplus.com/b0gg1mge/. The dates of the photography sessions are October 9, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.; October 10, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.; October 11, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.; and October 12, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Each family grouping of 6 or fewer will need one 10-minute time slot; family groupings of 7 or more will need consecutive time slots. Following your photo session, you will be able to select from digital photos which photo you want in the directory. Each family grouping will receive one complimentary 8 x 10” photo and one soft-cover directory. You will have an opportunity to order photos if you choose. The photos make beautiful gifts. Please contact Kathy Hobbs if you have questions: kathyahobbs6@gmail.com
Inspired Small Groups

Time to Sign Up!
Our small group leaders are in place and so now it is your turn to sign up!

Our Inspired small groups will read and discuss Rachel Held Evan’s book, Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again. They will meet for four weeks beginning the week of October 20 and then take a break for the holidays and resume in February for four more weeks. This will be a great opportunity to learn a little something about the Bible and how to read it without losing your mind or your faith, and to connect with other members of the BBPC community. The times offered are as follows. Small Groups are limited in size.

- **Sunday** after church in the cemetery chapel, lunch included. Leaders: Lou Ruprecht & Judy Wahrenberger.
- **Tuesday** mornings @ 10AM at the church. Leader: Carol Wilson.
- **Wednesday** Evenings @ 6:30, lite dinner included @ the home of Marion & Dave Oliver in Middlesex. Leaders: Marion & Dave Oliver
- **Friday** evenings @ the home of Jung & Bill Dettelback, time TBA.
- **Laurel Circle** group to be formed on a weekday. Day & Time TBA. Leader: Sal Lalama
- **Trinity United Church** will also be forming a group to meet Wednesday afternoons @ 1:30

Copies of the book will be available at church for $10, or they can be ordered on Amazon in paperback or kindle additions.

Youth and Families

**Spark Sunday School** is for children ages three through grade five. Each week, we enjoy hands on activities that help children understand and remember stories from the SPARK Story Bible. The month we are learning about Elisha feeding 100. Please register here.

We will enjoy **Intergenerational Worship on October 6**.

Please email Sally if your children would like to help lead worship.

**ECHO** is for middle school students, and meets in the cave during worship.

**Youth Group**
Last Sunday, we enjoyed a great evening of fellowship at Camp Oak Spring. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us! Please email sally@bbpc.org for more information.

Upcoming events:
- **Sunday, September 29 @ 5 pm**, Manhunt at BBPC
- **Sunday, October 13 @ 5 pm**, Board Games BBPC
- **Sunday, October 20 @ noon**, Bike Riding at Duke Farms
- **Saturday, October 26 @ 5 pm**, Corn Maze at Howell Living Farm

Youth Retreat: SAVE THE DATE Dec. 6 - 8
Not surprisingly, much background activity occurs to make a church like ours a special place to worship God. Hannah Kerwin, our volunteer church photographer, is one of those background people. Her belief that “a photo conveys a message that words do not” is apparent on our website, Facebook page and Buzz newsletter. As she photographs what happens in church and how we, the congregation, respond, she captures our rich history in the making.

Hannah has been a member of BBPC for 10 years. She was raised Presbyterian, but before joining BBPC, she belonged to Stanley Congregational Church, near her home in Chatham. Cliff Parrish was Stanley’s music director, and through Cliff, Hannah met Tom Rodgers of BBPC. In 2000, prior to her interview for Bound Brook Memorial Library Director, she asked Tom about driving routes between Chatham and Bound Brook. She got the job. After years of driving past the church on her commute, meeting church members at the library (Jane Spangler, Jean Finlayson and Marion Randolph among them), and developing community relationships, she looked into joining BBPC. Fortunately for us, BBPC became and has remained Hannah’s church home, even after she was transferred to Watchung Library in 2015.

A lifelong New Jersey resident, Hannah was confirmed in Jamesburg Presbyterian Church, where she began playing handbell solos. She studied music, art and film at the College of Wooster, a Presbyterian college in Ohio, library science at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and video production and photography at New York University. Hannah’s daughter Calandra works in the marketing field in Florida, her son Perry is a marketing student at Ramapo College, and her son Bennett is studying computer science at County College of Morris.

Her sense of adventure and legendary street parking karma have allowed Hannah to drive into Manhattan regularly to sing with New Amsterdam Singers, a mid-sized chorus known for acapella music ranging from Renaissance to newly composed works. She enjoys the challenge of learning new and unusual music. Besides three concert programs per year, the group has had stimulating side gigs – the intermission act for the Three Tenors concert at the Meadowlands, the opening number of the MTV Video Music Awards performed live on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House, and East Wing holiday entertainment for guests of the Obama White House.

Hannah’s picture-laden comprehensive study of the Old Presbyterian Graveyard, BBPC’s first cemetery by the library, received the 2018 History Publication Award from the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission. BBPC owns these volumes, which are also available online at https://sclsnj.org/graveyard/. Earlier this year, she presented “Spiritual Heritage Preserved in Stone,” a program at Warren Library in which she compared the symbolic imagery and evocative epitaphs found in the old graveyard with more recent carvings and texts on stones in Bound Brook Cemetery, the church’s current cemetery.

Hannah’s free time is filled with fitness classes that keep her connected with fellow YMCA members year after year. Hannah sometimes takes a Zumba class before she comes to church on Sunday morning! Good thing she remains fit. You may see Hannah moving about the church, carrying one or two cameras, to gather a variety of perspectives. Hannah also photographs nature subjects and people she doesn’t know. She invites you to view her slideshow of the Washington Women’s March held in January. Look for expressions of determination, anger, joy and other emotions on diverse women wearing pink and united for a cause:

Washington Women’s March
Volunteers Needed

Somerset County Food Bank located at 9 Easy St in Bound Brook is in need of volunteers. Call Craig for further info. (732)560-1813

Medical Equipment Loan Program

Pluckemin Presbyterian Church has a Medical Ministry Program that supports those in need of special medical equipment at no charge. Give them a call and leave a message - (908) 396-6057. Someone will contact you, and you may make your request. If they have the equipment in their inventory, they will loan it to you. In the event you wish to donate medical equipment that you no longer need, they usually accept that too.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

The Board of Deacons are looking for business owners to advertise in our Playbill for The Jim Barone Concert that is going to be held at our church on Friday, October 18th, 2019. Do you know someone or yourself have a business that you would like to advertise to help raise monies for The Deacons’ Fund and Capital Improvement to the Church Campus. If interested please contact Deb Gugel at: adagugel@msn.com or 732-991-1742 for further details.
Highlights of the September 17th Session meeting are as follows:

- Elder Dan Luna was elected by Session to serve as the institutional representative to the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the church.

- A Congregational Meeting was called for October 6th to take place after worship to elected Susan Sebastian to the Nominating Committee and to dissolve the PNC.

- The Stewardship/Capital Campaign Committee reported that work has begun this week on the Bell Tower repair, and as reported earlier this month, Associated Crafts has been awarded the contract to repair the stained glass windows for an estimated cost of $149,000. Work is expected to begin in this fall. Plans were also announced for the fall Stewardship Campaign that will culminate in the collection of annual pledges on November 17th.

- A 25 hour per-week, part-time job description was approved for the position of Director of Christian Education. This is an increase of 9 hours to the current Transitional position occupied by Sally Zeiner.

- The Mission Commission reported that the first mission project using Capital Campaign Funds designated for mission, was completed last week. The preschool room in the PFC has been partitioned with a new interior door to provide space for the Somerset County Foodbank to set up a distribution center for weekly grocery delivery to clients in Bound Brook. The Foodbank will begin using the space next weekend (September 28). This is part of the church’s Love Local initiative. The Mission Commission also reported on other recent activities that fall under the Love Local initiative: Grow-a-Row and the Weekend Backpack Collection. In addition, it was reported that we have raised $3,268 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Members of Session and Pastor Linda will be available after church on September 28 & 29 for a Church Chat opportunity to discuss with the congregation the work of the church. Please join us!
# Finance Summary

August Year to Date Income and Expense:

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“Thank you” seems inadequate in the face of such a great celebration last Sunday. I am so grateful to all who participated in the installation service, to the choir and the musicians, to all who put the dinner together (especially Kathy Hobbs who organized it), to the BBPC congregation who filled the sanctuary with energy and prayer, to our friends from Casa del Banquete and the Plenitude Church who joined us in worship, and to all those friends from faraway places who returned to BBPC to celebrate with us ... I am so blessed!

I continue to be overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and love sent my way as we begin, together, this new chapter. Thinking of Rev. Brooks Smith’s charge to the congregation at the installation service, urging the congregation to “love” the pastor, I can say with confidence that you have done that so very well already. Imagine this, you have known me as your CE Director and then as the Associate Pastor for 18 years and you still want to keep me around as your pastor! And equally, I have known you and served you for 18 years and I still love serving you and serving with you. What a great deal! I can’t wait to see what comes next for us as a congregation. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!

Love & Gratitude,
As I said at the reception, taking from the movie *Field of Dreams* “If you build it, they will come”, here at BBPC “if you ask for help, the BBPC family will graciously say “Yes!” There are not enough words to tell you how grateful I am with your help in so many ways. At the risk of omitting someone, I will not even attempt to name each of you. At first, I thought it a daunting task to plan the reception. However, YOU, helped make it easy. You helped with setting up, preparing table decorations, providing food, serving, breaking down, cleaning up, and supporting my questions and concerns.

**THANK YOU BBPC FAMILY!**

With a heart overflowing with gratitude,
Kathy Hobbs.

For the intended narrative experience, please click on the link below and click the "play" icon at upper right to make the slideshow run.

https://www.flickr.com/photos/91295057@N02/albums/72157710956170021
In Other News...

Reminder: Great Cloud of Witnesses - We will be collecting photos and stories of loved ones to display on All Saints’ weekend. Submissions must be received by October 27th.

College Student Updates: Please provide your college student’s current address to the church office.

Caring Minister On Call: September 29 – October 5: Jill DeMouth

Save The Date: Elvis Tribute Concert, October 18 – 7pm (See page 12 for more information)

Save The Date: Elder: Issues and Answers Meetings
October 9th - Meeting will address the issues around “Home Instead Senior Care”.

Save The Date: After Hours Bible Study meeting in 2019-2020 year from 7:30—9:00pm:
Oct. 28 (lesson 2), Nov. 25 (lesson 3), Dec. 16 (lesson 4), January 27, 2020 (lesson 5), Feb. 24 (lesson 6), Mar. 23 (lesson 7), Apr. 27 (lesson 8), May 18 (lesson 9), June, picnic. Date and time TBD.

Church Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 4pm

BBPC is SMOKE FREE! No smoking is permitted on church grounds. We hope that this will create a healthier and more pleasant environment for all of us.

Chair Yoga Class—Join us!
Monday at 9:00-10:00am, Wednesday at 12:00-1:00pm, and Friday at 12:15-1:15pm.
Please note, all classes will be at the Freeman Chapel in the cemetery.
Cost: $40 for 8 weeks per class.

Flower chart: The 2019 Flower chart is posted outside the Sanctuary.

Please send Buzz articles to office@bbpc.org. Article deadlines are Thursday 1:00pm.

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Weekly Calendar September 27 — October 5

Friday
12:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
7:00 p.m. BBP Railroad Club
8:30 p.m. AA

Saturday
5:00 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Church Chat

Sunday
8:45 a.m. Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Youth & Children’s Choir
11:20 a.m. Church Chat
11:30 a.m. Youth Group

Monday
9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga
8:30 p.m. AA

Tuesday
11:45 a.m. Staff meeting
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga
6:00 p.m. Cantabile Choir
6:00 p.m. Kid’s Connection (preschool room)

Thursday
9:00 a.m. Silence Seekers
6:45 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. AA Meditation

Friday
12:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
7:00 p.m. BBP Railroad Club
8:30 p.m. AA

Saturday
5:00 p.m. Worship
Purchase your tickets HERE

BOUND BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS FEATURING JIM BARONE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2019

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 P.M. / SHOW TIME: 7:00 P.M.

TICKET PRICE $25

Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
409 Mountain Ave
Bound Brook, NJ - 08805

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