

# Mission Monday

MARCH 25, 2024



The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook  
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Bound Brook, NJ 08805  
[www.bbpc.org](http://www.bbpc.org)  
(732) 356-3575



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**



## SHOPRITE GIFT CARD PROGRAM

### This is an ongoing need

Please consider donating to this program by donating shop rite gift cards or making a donation (earmarked Shoprite gift cards on the memo line) that will allow us to purchase the cards at a 5% discount. To donate electronically, there is a drop down item on EZ tithe for Love Local.

One area resident who has gratefully received cards from BBPC's ShopRite gift card program is a single mother with two children (ages 11 and 7) who has chronic kidney disease. She is waiting for a kidney transplant. Mom continues to work in order to provide for her children while battling her disease symptoms.

Thank You!

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## THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF CLEAN REUSEABLE SHOPPING BAGS

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### Food Pantry Update

The donated food supply from local supermarkets varies weekly while the number of families attending is increasing.

**This past weekend, the Sunday pantry welcomed 203 families who took home food to feed 695 people.**

If you have questions, please call the church office at (732) 356-3573 or reach out to:

- *D'Maris Dempsey joedm88@msn.com or*
- *Diane Gilson dianeg876@gmail.com*

### This Week's Food Pantry Top Need

**Shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, and tooth brushes**

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## SHIP is announcing their 34th Annual Easter Sunday Holiday Meal

A complete meal with all the trimmings will be provided  
to our guests at:

The Immaculata High School Cafeteria  
240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville 08876  
Serving time: 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Easter Sunday CALL 908-393-9545 – John or TOM**

### S.O.S. Urgent Needs for our Easter Sunday Holiday Meal:

**Please call us at 908-393-9545 to find out what we are most in need of.**

Cooked & carved turkeys 15 - we will provide the turkeys  
NEED 15 Spiral Hams  
Chicken or Turkey gravy in jars 100  
Butter 15 pounds  
Cakes 12 assorted holiday decorations  
Center Pieces for guest tables (hand-made is great) 15.  
Candy for Easter Holiday large size bags 10  
Coffee 3 1pound units  
Cranberry Sauce 60 cans  
Cup Cakes 12 dozen assorted holiday decorated  
Dinner Rolls 12 doz.  
Fresh potatoes 100lbs.  
Milk gallons 3 gallons  
Pies 24 assorted types  
Potato Chips 16 family size  
Pretzels 16 family size  
Salad dressing 15 large bottles, assorted flavors.  
Soda 25 2liter bottles  
Stove Top Stuffing 60 boxes  
String Beans 60 cans  
Sweet Peas 40 cans

### **OUR NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS IS:**

**[safeharbor@ship908.com](mailto:safeharbor@ship908.com)**



### S.O.S. from the Admiral - Tom!

WE CAN PROVIDE THE TURKEYS AND HAMS BUT NEED HELP WITH COOKING AND CARVING THE DONATED TURKEYS AND SPIRAL HAMS FOR OUR 34th ANNUAL EASTER SUNDAY HOLIDAY MEAL FOR THE NEEDY.

- CRITICAL NEED - If you can cook and carve one of our donated frozen turkeys for our guest's meal, please call John or Tom at 908-393-9545. If we are unavailable leave a message.
- We need 15 people to roast or roast & carve up 1 or more turkeys for Easter Sunday. We will provide the turkeys, if needed.
- If you need to get a frozen turkey from SHIP, it can be picked up at SHIP. – and God bless you.
- Please help if you can. These are trying times for us all. Thank you, God bless you all.
- The cooked and/or carved items can be dropped off at SHIP the week before Easter Sunday from 8:30am to 2:00pm and Monday thru Thursday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ON EASTER SUNDAY  
CALL JOHN OR TOM AT 908-393-9545 to register OR

[safeharbor@ship908.com](mailto:safeharbor@ship908.com)

YOU NEED TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO VOLUNTEER ON  
Easter Sunday.

# Adopt-A-Family

Help Feed A Needy Family This Easter Sunday by donating \$40.

Families throughout Somerset County are struggling to make ends meet

Donor's Name:

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Address:

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Email address (most important):

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Please send this page and your check to:

SHIP  
87 East High Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876

If \$40 is difficult for you, any amount will be gratefully accepted

## When Life Takes Unexpected Turns



### Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry

Dedicated to improving the lives of our clients and their families through the redistribution of used medical equipment, at no cost to them.

**908-396-6057**



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## A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all of those who volunteered to help out with HOME this past week. We had host volunteers and others who made dinners, bought food/supplies or donated money. The cots come each time from HOME, and we used donations to buy mattress pads, sheets and towels. Our guest and her son said they enjoyed their stay at BBPC and the beds felt like home. The food was delicious and the friendship offered was so appreciated. It really does take a village, and so many stepped up to make this week a welcoming one for our guests. I cannot thank you enough for offering your time and talents.

Sharon Dougherty

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## HELP SPONSOR A STUDENT IN PAKISTAN



Beginning on Sunday, March 3, the Mission Commission will begin collecting donations to sponsor young girls at the Presbyterian Education Board School in Martinpur, Pakistan, for another year. These students have expressed their great gratitude and blessings to us for enabling them to attend school which their families could never afford. Many of our students have graduated to go on to college and meaningful work in teaching and medical professions.

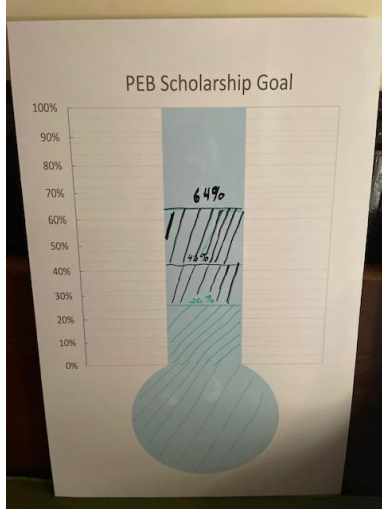
The cost of an entire year's tuition will be \$400.00 this year. You may purchase a full scholarship, a \$40 share or provide any amount toward a scholarship. You may pay by check with PEB in the memo or with cash after church during the month of March. You may mail a check or use the drop-down Mission menu in the Buzz.

Thank you all for making a difference and offering HOPE to the most vulnerable girls.

## HELP REACH THE GOAL OF 25 STUDENTS

We are close to being able to provide 25 students in Pakistan with one year of education in Pakistan! Thank you to all who have already contributed! We are hoping to reach our goal by Easter.

"I can only attend my school because



someone like you provides a scholarship." Muskan Irfan- grade 6

**Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity®**

MEET OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> VETERAN FUTURE HOMEOWNER

**Brandon Everhart**  
U.S. Army Veteran

Brandon Everhart served in the US Army as a Civil Affairs Specialist and completed a tour in Afghanistan. He currently lives in Somerville where he works as an Environmental Health Inspector for Somerset County.

Brandon still struggles to afford to live in the same county in which he serves. Rent prices in the area far exceed what he can pay with his income, so Brandon applied at Raritan Valley Habitat in the hopes of becoming a future homeowner.

**"I honestly never thought that I'd be able to own my own home, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity afforded to me by Habitat for Humanity."**  
- Brandon Everhart

Coming to Whitehouse Station, in 2024



2024

Dear Valued Colleague,

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity is happy to announce our annual Building Hope Gala. The dinner and auction will be held on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 10 pm at the Ryland Inn.**

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity **builds strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.** With the help of valued business and community partners like you, we have built 57 homes and helped homeowners throughout Somerset and Hunterdon Counties with much-needed repairs.

**Raritan Valley Habitat has big plans for 2024:**

- Dedicate our 1<sup>st</sup> Honor Build Home at 179A Grove Street, Somerville.
- Break ground on a duplex on James Street in Whitehouse Station.
- Expand our repair program to help more of our most vulnerable neighbors stay safe and healthy in their homes.
- Help more families "Age in Place."
- Complete several Neighborhood Revitalizations.
- Educate families through our brand new "Almost Home Program."
- Serve, honor, and recognize more Veterans.

Make dreams come true for our neighbors.

- 1. Select a level of sponsorship.
- 2. Attend the Building Hope event.
- 3. Place an advertisement in the program.
- 4. Donate an item for the auction.

Attached is a form containing event and sponsorship details. Please feel free to contact **Jillian Kessler** at [office@rvhabitat.org](mailto:office@rvhabitat.org).

On behalf of the Raritan Valley Habitat team, thank you for your ongoing support. Your contributions go toward our mission of **building homes, communities, and hope** in Somerset and Hunterdon counties, striving toward a time when every resident has the dignity, pride, and promise of home ownership.

Sincerely,  
*Melissa Flynn*  
Executive Director

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Buy a ticket  
Be a Sponsor  
Scan the QR code



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We are asking that you put a hold on bringing in egg cartons. The food pantry has more than they need right now. We have many cartons with few amounts of eggs. We will notify everyone when the time comes to start up again.

Spring Cleaning





When cleaning out for the upcoming Spring season, please remember to drop off clothing donations to the bin in the Martinsville Campus parking lot.

Your donation is only used as clothing, never cut into rags. The following clothing items may be bagged and placed in the bin:

**Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Purses, Linens, Blankets, Curtains--No rags or fabric scraps – your donation is not cut up or shredded.**

We are paid by the pound for all donations to the Martinsville bin so all donations add up.

**Thank you**



**Equal Exchange: Fairly traded products**  
<https://shop.equalexchange.coop>

Our church has a long history with Equal Exchange dating back to 2003 when we first started selling Equal Exchange products in our church. The products we have sold are: varieties of chocolates, coffees, and teas. We have recently received three different coffees:

- Organic Breakfast Blend, medium roast, 12 oz packages, \$8.00
- Café Salvador, medium roast, 12 oz packages, \$8.00
- Midnight Sun, dark roast, 10 oz packages\*, \$8.50.

Equal Exchange supports local coffee growers by purchasing directly from them. If you go to the website given above, you can read more about the coffees and the local farmers supported by each of the coffees we are offering to you.

*If you are interested in purchasing some fair trade coffee, please come over to the Food Pantry in the PCC on Sunday and contact Ted Settle, or you can call him at 908-420-4841.*

National Association of University Women Plainfield- Brunswick Branch  
Po Box 3026  
Plainfield, New Jersey 07063

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY**

**The Plainfield-Brunswick Branch of the National Association of University Women** has scholarships available to students from Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties.

To be considered for an award, the applicant must submit the following:

1. A completed NAUW Scholarship Application
2. Recommendations from two people (i.e., Guidance Counselors, Pastors, teachers or a person like the head of your community service.)
3. A copy of your resume, if available
4. An original transcript
5. An essay statement, addressing "Why I Should Receive This Scholarship".

Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic ability, financial need, and a desire to study and earn a baccalaureate degree.

All applications submitted by the deadline will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee. Candidates will be selected after interviews. If selected, awardees will be invited to the NAUW Plainfield-Brunswick Branch's end of year soiree in June 2024 for a celebration. Scholarship recipients will be presented their award letters at this event.

**The deadline for submitting the Scholarship Application is  
March 30, 2024**

January 5, 2024

Dear Applicant:

The National Association of University Women Inc. (NAUW, Inc.) was founded by African-American college women to promote and conduct educational activities designed to provide community outreach services at every level of development.

The Plainfield-Brunswick Branch of NAUW, Inc. is offering scholarship aid to graduating seniors in the area high schools (Middlesex, Somerset, and Union County). Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic ability, financial need, and a desire to study and earn a baccalaureate degree.

The application should be accompanied by a personal statement. Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation from any of these individuals: Guidance Counselor, Pastor, teacher or the head of your community service. Include a copy of your resume.

All applications are to be returned by the deadline. If you need more information, please contact **Kim Callender at 908-217-3275 or Eloise Samuels at 732-259-9139.**

Please return the completed application with the personal statement, W2 Form, (2) two recommendation letters, a transcript, and a resume to:

National Association of University Women, Inc. Scholarship Committee  
**C/o Kim Callender & Eloise Samuels**  
P.O. Box 3026  
Plainfield, New Jersey 07063

**Deadline for the postmark of the application is March 30, 2024.**

Yours in education,

**Kim Callender & Eloise Samuels**  
Scholarship Committee Chairpersons

Enclosures



For additional information please email the church at [Office@BBPC.org](mailto:Office@BBPC.org)  
or call at (732) 356-3575

Make A Donation

