



The Buzz

March 15, 2024



The Presbyterian Church
at Bound Brook
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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!



Faith

W I T H O U T B O R D E R S



Worship Highlights

March 17, 2024

Preaching : The Rev. Linda E. Owens

Sermon: Faith Without Borders

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16
Matthew 18:15-22

Anthems: God So Loved the World
John Goss (1800-1880)

[Click here to download Sunday Worship Bulletin](#)

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you."

- Jeremiah 29:12

[Click to view the Prayer Concerns](#)

* Please contact the church office with prayer concern updates *



Weekly Prayer

Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

[CONTACT US](#)

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Monday thru Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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for the week of
March 16 - March 22
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Saturday - March 16



Sunday - March 17

Pre-Worship Discussion - 8:45 a.m. Preschool Classroom
Sunday Morning Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.
Food Pantry Set-Up - 11:15 a.m.
Children's Choir - 11:30 a.m.
Zoom Fellowship - 11:30 a.m. (link below)
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83945393189?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83945393189?pwd=NWX5nSuMMhyxYarbkQjdAjljvaQUVv.1)
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Youth Group - 4:00 p.m. Escape Room

Monday - March 18

Bound Brook Seniors - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday - March 19

Session Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Deacons Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - March 20

Caring Ministers - 12:30 p.m.
~~Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.~~
(Postponed until April 3)

Thursday - March 21

Silence Seekers - 9:00 a.m.
Buzz submissions deadline - 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.

Friday - March 22

Mission Monday submissions deadline - noon



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! ALL VIRTUAL WORSHIPERS

We would love to see you in our **monthly Zoom fellowship gathering Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 11:30!** This will be an opportunity for you to meet with some of us and chat. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we will be watching for you. Email the office at office@bbpc.org or me kathyahobbs6@gmail.com. Moving forward, we plan on meeting **the 3rd Sunday of each month**. We hope to see! Following is the Zoom link.

Peace and blessings,
Kathy Hobbs, Chair Membership-Fellowship Commission
Kathyahobbs6@gmail.com
908-380-0307

Church Office is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Online Fellowship
Time: Feb 18, 2024 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84253160464?>



BBPC SPRING CLEAN UP DAY



SATURDAY,
MARCH 23
9-Noon



Bring rakes, gloves and other yard tools.



Our HOME guests will be with us **March 17 - 23**. We are fortunate to have so much and it is with gratitude that we can provide a safe, warm home for a week to our guests. Our guests stay in our CAVE, and we need volunteers to make and serve dinners, supervise our guests and stay overnight. We also need supplies such as paper goods, cereals,

lunch meats, etc. Please see the SignUpGenius to see how you can assist. Any help you can offer is much appreciated. Please mark your calendars for our other hosting dates for 2024: **June 16 - 22, Sept. 29 - Oct. 5, Dec. 1-7.**

Link for the HOME Information - **HOME information**

The link for hosting Dinners Only - All FILLED - Thank you!

The link for all OTHER HOME volunteering



MUCH HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

If you would like to help but you are unable to sign up for hosting, the link below will take you to a google document where you can sign up to help with supplies, i.e. milk, snacks, paper goods, etc. Please click on "HOME SUPPLIES to access the supplies needed.

HOME SUPPLIES

Thank you all for your time and generosity!



ESCAPE ROOM

Room 1 - The Notorious Speakeasy

Room 2 - The Secret Society

Sunday, March 17th @ 3:15 p.m.

\$33 per student discount for siblings

3490 US Hwy 1 North, Suite 15A

Princeton, NJ 08540

For more information contact Lissette at

856-676-1563 or

Lissette@bbpc.org



Upcoming Music Event

March 24- 3:00 p.m.

Choir Sings at Laurel Circle



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Effective Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be postponed until after Easter.

The next Wednesday Night Bible Study will be Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Wednesday Evening Bible Study



If you have not been a regular attendee we invite you to join us. There is absolutely no need for you to have any prior Bible knowledge and you will find folks with many different ideas, all of which we welcome to be shared should you wish. If you simply want to listen, that's fine, too.

We will be taking up the interesting topic of prophets, who they were and what they have contributed to our understanding of God's word. It is expected this topic will extend for several weeks as we learn about Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and some of those referred to as "minor" prophets, like Jonah and Amos. The word of the prophet had a major influence upon events in Israel for many centuries. Their activities shaped people's understanding of what God demanded of them and even today we turn to them for inspiration and guidance.

Please click on the link below for the Wednesday evening Bible Study:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86795710891?pwd=IPE1jWrFbcTgtGdQbHQMKVLdEsTwBU.1>

**Sunday Morning Pre-Church Discussion Group
with Lou Ruprecht**

**Exploring the Word
of God**



8:45 a.m. in the PCC Classroom

Join us for a morning of inspiration and fellowship.

What's the Point?

There is a change in the date for February & March Meetings due to Lent. Please see below

In March, the meeting will be
Monday, March 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

In April, we will resume our regular
schedule of the last Wednesday of
the month.

April Meeting will be on
Wednesday, April 24

Men's Prayer/Mission Breakfast

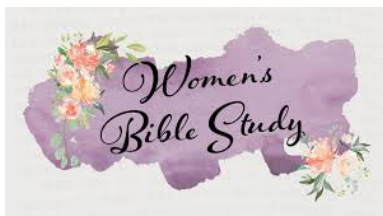


We meet the **first & third Thursday** of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **March 21, 2024**

Please contact Brooks Smith at smithjbrooks25@gmail.com if you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have enough food for both body and soul.

All men are welcome. Join us anytime.



After Hours Women's Bible Circle

"Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." is the Horizons Bible study that the After Hours circle will be using this year.

All women at BBPC are invited to join. Our next meeting will be on

Mozz tote message in the Buange thnday, March 25, at 7:30 PM. when we will study **Chapter 7**, "An Ethiopian Eunuch ge thEncounters the Good News of Jesus."

We will meet at Janet Holmlund's home at 153 Flanders Drive, Hillsborough. You may contact Doris Sabin for carpool arrangements from the church - dorissabin@gmail.com

Copies of the Bible study are available for \$10 at presbyterianwomen.org/shop or by calling 800-533-4371 (M-F 10-5).



THANK YOU LEE AND JOHN METZ!

THANK YOU LEE AND JOHN METZ for hosting coffee hour on Sunday. We certainly enjoyed your goodies as almost all the goodies were gone! We appreciate you!

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

Please use the Sign-Up Genius link below . If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hobbs at kathyahobbs6@gmail.com.

[Click here to sign up](#)

The Top Five Easter Flowers and what they Represent

1. Easter Lilly



The Easter lily is the obvious choice to top our list since it's named for the holiday. Easter lilies are white with trumpet-shaped flowers. Traditionally, they are associated with **Purity** and **Resurrection**.

2. Tulips



White Tulips signify **Forgiveness**
Purple Tulips represent **Faith**
Red Tulips symbolize **Passion**
Yellow Tulips represents **Sunshine**

3. Easter Cactus



The Easter Cactus is said to symbolize **Rebirth**.

4. Gerbera Daisies



Gerbera Daisies are said to represent **Cheerfulness**. They also symbolize **Innocence** and **Purity**.

5. Hyacinths



The pastel shades of the hyacinth convey **Peace, Calm, and Joy**. They also represent **Commitment**.

CHURCH OFFICERS

LEADERSHIP BOARDS 2024 – New Members in Blue

Session			Board of Deacons		
Class of 2024 (term) term ending Jan. 2025	Class of 2025 (term) term ending Jan. 2026	Class of 2026 (term) term ending Jan. 2027	Class of 2024 (term) term year ending Jan. 2025	Class of 2025 (term) term year ending Jan. 2026	Class of 2026 (term) term year ending Jan 2027
Dan Richard (1)	John O'Melia (2)	D'Maris Dempsey (2)	Lynn Nakashian (2)	Carol Brennan (2)	Laurie Richard (1)
Jamie Breeding (1)	Linda Casale (1)	Wayne Fabricius (1)	MaryAnn Bruno (1) (first year served of unexpired term)	Susan Schiff (2)	Tricia Flynn (1) (2nd year served) - eligible for 1 more year)
TJ Blazek (1)	Sal Lalama (1)	Ellis Dill (1) (1 year term)	Alex Moody (1) (first year served of unexpired term)	Sherry Gilroy(1)	Sharon Dougherty(1)
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Kathy Hobbs (1)	Ellen Billard (1)	Gail Smith (1)	Mary Williamson (1)	Adriana Biedermann (1)	Lorna Fletcher (1)
Betsy Reimer (1) (1 year term - 3rd year served)	Taylor Gram (1) (2 years of unexpired term)	Jung Dettelback (1)		Megan VanAntwerp (1)	Doug Boleyn (1)
				Cori Peloso (2) (2-year term)	

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



SPEAK *Your Peace*



In honor of Sexual
Assault Awareness
Month in April

2024 *Art Contest & Exhibit*



Who: NJ high school-age students and college-age adults

What: 3 Categories - 1. Visual Art by Hand; 2. Photography and Graphic Art; 3. Written Art (2 winners per category - 1 for each age group)

Artwork will be exhibited from April 26-June 10 at the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery in Somerville, NJ.

Your work will be judged on its creativity and how it fits into the theme. Winners will receive an Amazon gift card (\$25 HS, \$50 college).

Theme: Artwork submitted to **SPEAK Your Peace** will be judged on how they "SPEAK" to the choices, boundaries, and ability to give or take away consent that all individuals have, whether they are in relationships or not. Over 1/2 of women, almost 1/2 of transgender and nonbinary folks, and almost 1/3 of men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact (sexual assault) during their lifetimes (CDC, 2022 and US Transgender Survey, 2015). It is more important than ever to promote individual safety and freedom.

When: Entries must be submitted by **March 31, 2024, at 11:59pm.**

How: Use QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to submit and complete rules.



County-Operated Senior Wellness Centers Need Volunteers for Wellness Programs, Educational Classes, and Food Service Operations
Click [here](#) for more information

Bound Brook Seniors

The Bound Brook Seniors are a group of friendly seniors who enjoy spending time together. We meet monthly to participate in fun activities, learn from various speakers, and go on fun trips. We welcome any individual 55 years and older to join us. Each meeting consists of a short business meeting, a guest speaker or group activity, and refreshments. Please feel free to visit us at a meeting or come along on one of our trips.

Meeting site: Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Community Center Gym
Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 P.M.



I am connected with RAP (Refugee Assistance Partners) from Scotch Plains, an organization that works with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Elizabeth and their clients. An Afghani family with 5 children needs a vehicle either as a donation or for a low price, \$1,000. RAP is a 501(c)(3) so this is tax deductible.

ONGOING NEED FOR DONATED OR LOW-COST CARS

Car donations or very low-cost cars in working condition are an ongoing need for refugee families of all sizes through Refugee Assistance Partners (RAP), a Union County interfaith organization that has helped settle over 350 refugees from the Middle East, Africa, and Central America. If you have or know of any cars available for low cost or donation, please contact Maryjane Finne at 908-447-6771.



MEET OUR 1ST 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 19th 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 1st 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.

- 📌 Select a level of sponsorship.
- 📌 Attend the Building Hope event.
- 📌 Place an advertisement in the program.
- 📌 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.

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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