

The Buzz

March 29, 2024



The Presbyterian Church
at Bound Brook
409 Mountain Avenue
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
www.bbpc.org
(732) 356-3575



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!



Why Have You Come?

Worship Highlights

Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m.

Preaching - The Rev. Linda E. Owens

Sermon - Why Have you Come?

Scriptures - Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18

Anthem - For God Is With Us - Joel Smallbone, Jordan Reynolds, Josh Kerr, and Luke Smallbone

Easter Traditional Service 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Preaching - The Rev. Linda E. Owens

Sermon - Why Have you Come?

Scriptures - Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18

Anthems - Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! Michael Bedford (b. 1949)
Easter Rejoicing Jonathan Willcocks (b. 1953)

[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

This Joyous Time of Year

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

— Author Unknown

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Caring Minister on call

for the week of

March 30 - April 5

Kathy Savo



Saturday - March 30

Food Pantry 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday - March 31

~~Pre Worship Discussion 8:45 a.m. Preschool~~

Sunday Morning Worship Service -

6:00 a.m. at Martinsville

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at BBPC

~~Sunday School 10:15 a.m.~~

~~Children's Choir 11:30 a.m.~~

~~Youth Group 6:00 p.m.~~

Monday - April 1

No Fooling - Office Closed

Tuesday - April 2

CE Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Mission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Personnel Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - April 3

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - April 4

Silence Seekers - 9:00 a.m.

Buzz submissions deadline - 1:00 p.m.

~~Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.~~

~~Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.~~

Worship & Music Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship & Strategic Planning - 7:00 p.m.



HOME

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

BBPC SPRING CLEAN UP DAY



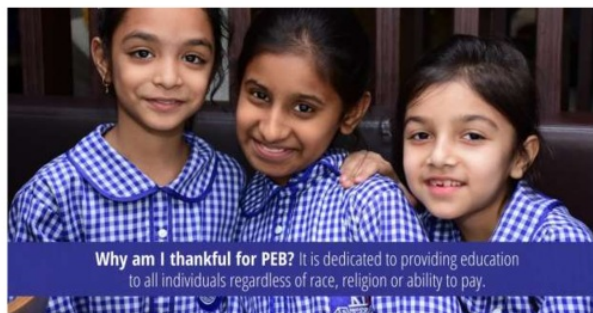
POSTPONED

Until Saturday, April 6th
9-Noon

Bring rakes, gloves and other yard tools.



HELP SPONSER A STUDENT IN PAKISTAN



Beginning on Sunday, March 3 and all through March, 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.

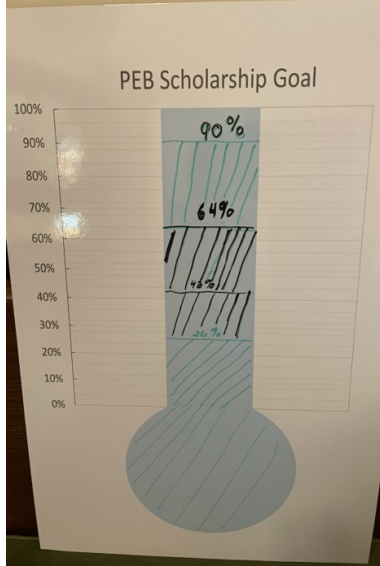
The cost of an entire year's tuition will be \$400.00 this year. You may purchase a full scholarship, a \$40 share or provide any amount toward a scholarship. You may pay by check with PEB in the memo or with cash after church during the month of March. You may mail a check or use the drop-down Mission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

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

PEB UPDATE:

We have almost reached our goal of 25 full year scholarships for 25 girls in Pakistan. We are so grateful to those who have already donated. Donations will be accepted after both

Easter services. Let's get to 100%!



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday Night, April 3, 2024 will be our next
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>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PRE CHURCH GROUP WILL NOT BE MEETING
EASTER SUNDAY. This group discussion will meet next on**

Sunday, April 7

**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?



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, **April 4, 2024**

Please contact Brooks Smith at smithjbrooks25@gmail.com if you plan to attend. We

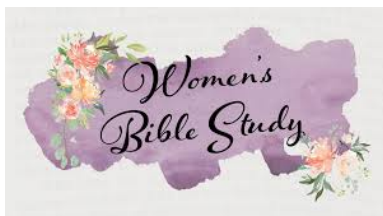
want to make sure we have enough food for both body and soul.

All men are welcome. Join us anytime.

Presbyterian Women Gathering - USA Mission Experience

Do the fences at our southern border make good neighbors? Join with other Presbyterian Women in our presbytery to hear Marianne Montero who participated in the U S A Mission Experience last fall when they visited the border. She will share what they saw, experienced, and learned about the region and the issues surrounding immigration. All are welcome to participate.

The gathering is **Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Morristown Church** on South Street, Morristown. Register with Doris Christians at dorischristians64@gmail.com. Lunch will be served for \$5.00, collected at the meeting.



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 **Monday, April 22, at 7:30 PM.** when we will study **Chapter 8**, “Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship.”

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

ALICE DELLMIRE, TIM BUCKLEY AND LINDA LEE!

THANK YOU ALICE DELLMIRE, TIM BUCKLEY AND LINDA LEE FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY! The goodies were delicious! We enjoyed nourishing our bodies and our souls with our BBPC family!

THANK YOU TO LINDA LEE AND TIM BUCKLEY FOR MAKING THE COFFEE!

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](#)

CHURCH OFFICERS


LEADERSHIP BOARDS 2024 – New Members in Blue


Session			Board of Deacons		
Class of 2024 (term ending Jan. 2025)	Class of 2025 (term ending Jan. 2026)	Class of 2026 (term ending Jan. 2027)	Class of 2024 (term year ending Jan. 2025)	Class of 2025 (term year ending Jan. 2026)	Class of 2026 (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)
Ed Wright (1)	John Almendinger (1)	Peter Moody (1)	Barbara Heller (1)	Ladd Boris (1)	Cathy Boleyn (2)
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



2024 Art Contest & Exhibit





SPEAK Your Peace

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April




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



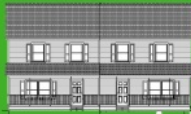
Brandon Everhart
U.S. Army Veteran

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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