



The Buzz

APRIL 19, 2024



The Presbyterian Church
at Bound Brook
409 Mountain Avenue
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!



What? The Flock!



Photo by Joan Campderrós-i-Canas

Worship Highlights

April 21, 2024

Preaching: The Rev. Linda E. Owens

Sermon: What? The Flock!

Scriptures: 1 John 3:16-24
PSALTER - PSALM 23
John 10:11-18

Anthem: Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love
Everett Titcomb
(1884-1968)

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

Dear Lord, This morning as I contemplate a new day, I ask you to help me. I want to be aware of your spirit—leading me in the decisions I take, the conversations I have, and the work I do. I want to be more like you, Jesus, as I relate to the people I meet today—friends or strangers.

CONTACT US

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9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Caring Minister on call
for the week of
April 20 - April 26
Kathy Savo



Saturday - April 20

Sunday - April 21

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.

Youth Group - 6:00 p.m.

Monday - April 22

Tuesday - April 23

Buildings, Grounds & Technology - 7:00 p.m.

Membership & Fellowship - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - April 24

What's the Point? - 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - April 25

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.

Friday - April 26

Mission Monday submissions deadline - noon

LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!!!

This is an Adults Only event. Ask about babysitting.



Cheers
NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

Adult Only Event
(ask about babysitting)

MAY 3 2024 @ 7 pm

856-676-1563
@lissettebbpc
THE CAVE @BBPC
409 Mountain Ave, Bound Brook

URGENTLY
NEEDED

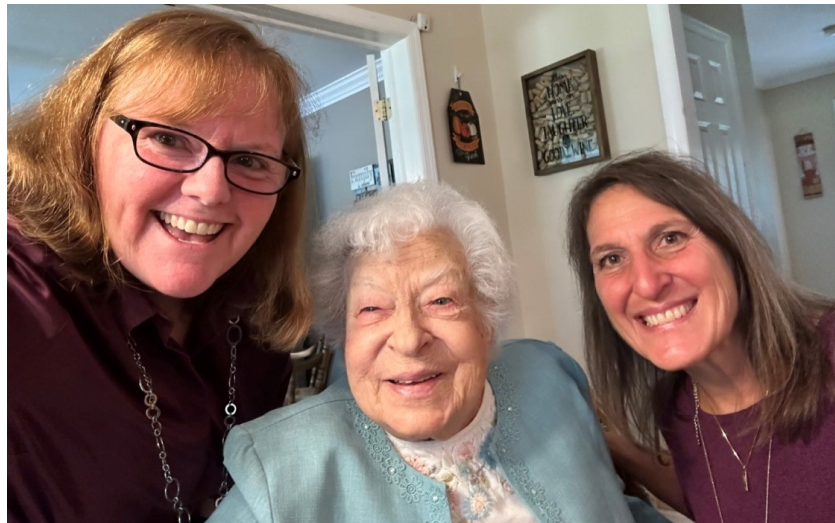
WE NEED



Youth Ministry Leaders

Please contact Lissette at
Lissette@bbpc.org

Join us for a Celebration of the Life service remembering Rose Suits.
Saturday, April 27 at 3:30 in the church sanctuary. Last year we celebrated Rose's 100th birthday. Her obituary reads in part: *She was always very involved with the church, singing with the choir, being an Elder, helping with church functions and donating her hand-made crafts to the church for the Bazaar every year.*





Session Highlights

The session met on Tuesday, April 16th for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The highlights are as follows:

- Church member & elder, Bill Heller, was hired for the position of Bookkeeper. This is a part-time position (seven hours per week on average). Bill comes to us with a degree in accounting and thirty years of accounting experience. We are excited to welcome him on board as a member of staff. Bill officially begins in this role on May 1st.
 - The N.J. Department of Homeland Security will be visiting BBPC on Tuesday, April 23rd to do an emergency preparedness assessment of our campus. This is part of an overall evaluation of our church's preparedness for emergencies and security threats. It is our hope that this visit will help us secure grant funding for needed security equipment.
 - The exploratory team vetting the Yurt Proposal for the Martinsville Campus invited Lissette and her colleague, Candice Lovelace to make a presentation and to answer questions regarding funding and timeline projections for the proposed project, as well as fleshing out the projects various components. It was decided following the presentation that the session has what it needs to make a determination as to whether or not to support this project. The session will be scheduling a special session meeting to receive the recommendation of the exploratory team and to make a decision. Following that meeting a Church Chat will be scheduled to bring the congregation up to date, as well as to discuss other matters.
 - Session is currently preparing for a Capital Campaign to focus on repairs to the bell tower and landscaping and hardscaping the front yard. Other smaller projects are also up for possible inclusion. A capital campaign committee is being constituted and will begin their work within the next couple of weeks.
 - Building and Grounds Commission reported that work on the bell tower will begin in the next couple of weeks, weather permitting. This work will be financed by a loan from the endowment fund, to be repaid through the impending capital campaign.
 - Worship & Music brought forth a motion for the serving of wine as part of a reception following the June 23rd concert to be held in the sanctuary. The motion was defeated by a vote of 9 to 4.
 - The Bound Brook Cemetery Committee brought forward a job description for a part-time Cemetery Ground Assistant to aid our superintendent, Wayne Barry, in his work. The job description was approved and the search will begin shortly.
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ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

We would love to see you in our **ZOOM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 21 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. We meet 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?
pwd=TKjHfX5izjPAMCCb4vDPGDWRb2gf0R.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84253160464?pwd=TKjHfX5izjPAMCCb4vDPGDWRb2gf0R.1)
Meeting ID: 842 5316 0464
Passcode: 642412

INQUIRERS' GATHERING – APRIL 28, 2024

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BBPC AND/OR PERHAPS BECOMING A MEMBER?

We would love to meet you! We have heard that some among us are interested in learning more about BBPC and perhaps becoming members. Are you one of them? This is the time for you. Please join us for an **INQUIRERS' GATHERING** on **APRIL 28** following worship service to ask questions about what we do and why we are excited to be members of BBPC. There will be an opportunity for you to become a member of BBPC at this meeting if you decide this is the worship community place for you. Please call the BBPC office at 732-356-3575 or email the office: office@bbpc.org if you are interested in attending. Stay tuned to find out the location. We hope to see you there!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will NOT be meeting April 17th & April 24th. The Evening Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, May 1st.

Wednesday Night 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?



Wednesday - April 24th - 7:00 p.m.



Men's Prayer/Mission Breakfast

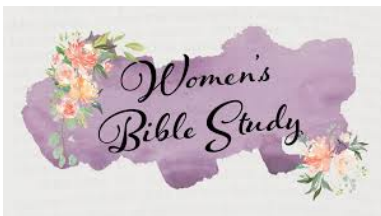
We meet the **first & third Thursday** of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **May 2, 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

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-



THANK YOU DAVID GATTO AND D.J.!

THANK YOU **DAVID GATTO AND D.J.** FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY! I heard the goodies were delicious and a real treat. (I'm so sorry I missed it!) Thank you for sharing your talents to provide a time of fun for BBPC family!!

Thank you to Tim Buckley and Linda Lee for making the coffee!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

Please use the **Sign-Up Genius** link below or on the schedule hanging on the wall in the reception area.

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)
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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

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.

Dr. Barbara Ronca has announced that the **Tuesday, May 14th** JANUS Bereavement Support Group will present, "Solo Travel". L Mayerik will speak from her personal experiences with the Road Scholar Program. She will discuss how to destress from the decision making process in committing to travelling alone. Solo travel can be a viable option for recently divorced or widowed people. Themed travel will also be addressed.

There will be time for Q & A as well as general sharing. There is NO FEE to attend but registration is requested by contacting Dr. Ronca at 908-218-9062 weekdays 9-3p. Anyone who has suffered a loss thru death, separation/divorce, loss of job, health, relocation or loss of contact of grandchildren should plan to attend. JANUS is a community service of Counseling and Therapy Services, and meets the second Tuesday monthly.



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



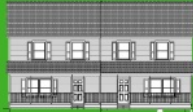
Brandon Everhart
U.S. Army Veteran

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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