



Beverly Presbyterian Church  
121 Warren Street East  
P.O. Box 500  
Edgewater Park, NJ 08010



**COMMUNION —FIRST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH @ 10:00 AM**

Followed by Fellowship Hour and Lite Fare

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT— FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH @ 6:30 PM**

**FOOD PANTRY— THIRD MONDAY EVERY MONTH; 3:00 TO 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAYS**

9:15 AM Continental Breakfast in the Café

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

In the Sanctuary and streamed on [BPCLiveSermon.net](http://BPCLiveSermon.net)

**MONDAYS (FIRST AND THIRD)**

Reading the Bible with Joanne at 1:00 PM

Prayer Meeting via Zoom at 5:00 PM

**THURSDAYS**

6:00 PM Praise & Worship Service led by Joanne and Tom Dileo

In the Fellowship Hall and on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/beverlypresbyterian/Services>

**BEVERLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Interim Pastor—The Rev. Dr. Keith Schmitt

Praise Leader—Joanne Dileo

Choir Director—Gwen Reed

Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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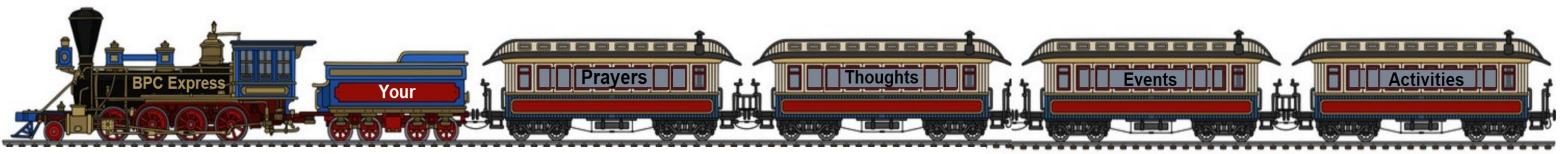
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*All Aboard! "The Beverly Express"*



**2024**



# BEVERLY EXPRESS

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Palm Sunday March 24. 10 AM  
Maundy Thursday March 28 7 PM  
HOLY WEEK Easter Sunday. March 31. 10 AM

*Hallelujah, He is risen, indeed!*

Holy Week is a string of eight days that allow us an opportunity to reflect upon the shift in humanity Jesus' sacrifice on the cross launched. It starts with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on Easter Sunday with His resurrection. This is the basis of Christianity, His sacrifice launched the New Covenant God promised and many had prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Each day of Holy Week allows us to peek into the heart of our Savior at intently close proximity. His love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross, every breath up to the last, and His resurrection.

## SMILES FROM THE BIBLE

—contributed by Carol Esposito

Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible

*Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.*

Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

*The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.*

Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?

*David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.*

Which Bible character had no parents?

*Joshua, son of Nun.*

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

*Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groann...)*



The Beverly Presbyterian Church provides two outstanding opportunities for you to gather with other Christians for worshipping and praising God. A traditional worship service with hymns of praise is held every **SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM**. On **THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, Tom and Joanne DiLeo lead us with praise songs and in a time of prayer and sharing. God is present at these gatherings and in every minute of your day, through the good and the bad. The Praise & Prayer service has an open forum which allows you to share those times. You will leave feeling encouraged, loved and uplifted.



Good company and refreshments before and after the Sunday Worship, each week, except the first Sunday.



AND THRIFT STORE  
OPEN  
MARCH 23 & APRIL 27  
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## KIDS BIBLE ADVENTURE

The teachers are ready, and plans have been made. Now it is your turn to do your part and bring the children!

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 10 AM

Place: BPC sanctuary and Classroom

All are welcome!!!!



*Our faith ...is not based upon our ability to conjure up some special feeling. Rather, it is built upon a confident assurance in the faithfulness of God. We focus on His trustworthiness and especially on His steadfast love.*

Richard J. Foster



### Pastor Keith always wants to hear...

who is in need of prayer, who could use a phone call, who wants to chat or to share concerns. Please, contact the church office, see him at the door of the Sanctuary, send him an email at 3WMACK741@gmail.com, give him a call at (215) 962-1195 or stop by during his office hours; Mondays from 10 AM to 12 PM and Wednesdays from 5 PM to 7 PM.

## FROM YOUR (INTERIM) PASTOR...

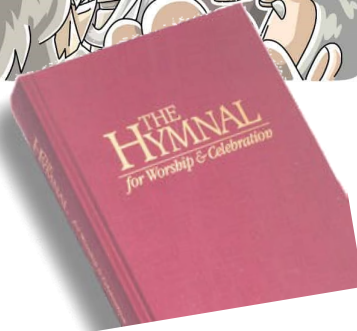
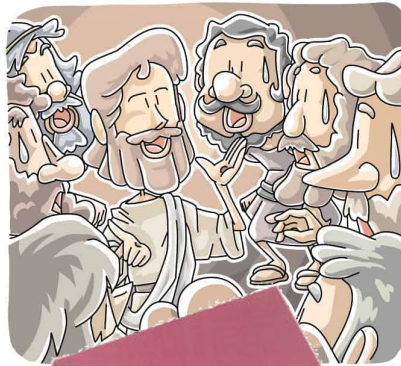
“Where did he get that one?” seems to be a sentiment that some of you are sharing concerning some of the hymns that are being “sung” during our worship services; at least that was a sentiment shared with me concerning part of our annual congregational meeting. So I thought I would utilize my article for the *BPC Express* to share with you how I go about selecting the hymns I propose for our church worship services.

When I started in the ministry some years ago one of the challenges I encountered was selecting a text and theme to focus upon each week for the sermon and worship service. Everyone has favorite texts from the Bible, and ministers are no exception. Those of you who have ever listened to either the late Norman Vincent Peale or the late Robert Schuller know that they invariably returned to their themes of positive thinking and possibility thinking respectively every time they were in the pulpit. And while those themes are certainly evident in the Bible, the Bible is broader than those two themes. And Peale and Schuller were both criticized for their limited focus.

To aid me in providing sermons and services which were broader in their reach I started to utilize the revised common lectionary lessons. These are readings which have been developed to correspond with the church calendar on a three-year cycle, and these days they are widely used by Christian churches, including both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. These lessons help me to focus upon texts more quickly and compel me to go

outside texts which might be in my “comfort zone,” and as past parishioners have noticed they have me preaching and leading worship around the same themes which are coming up in other churches attended by their friends and colleagues.

In time resources were developed which would offer suggestions for other aspects of the worship service, including notably hymns. Again we can easily become creatures of habit and fall into the same routine. By



utilizing a resource entitled *Call to Worship*, which was published by the Presbyterian Church USA, I learn of hymns which correspond with the themes of the lectionary lessons and serve to amplify those themes. And I try to select hymns which will complement the theme upon which the worship service is focused. Sometimes those hymns are familiar, and sometimes not. So I will bounce my proposed hymns off to others, including our music director Gwen, as well as referencing a table developed by our former organist Gary, who categorized all of the hymns in our hymnbook on a five-point scale. If a hymn is too unfamiliar or difficult to sing, I will propose utilizing another.

Just know that I’m trying to develop a worship service which is meaningful and inspirational. If I don’t do that for you, feel free to tell me. I’m still learning how to do things effectively and well—and isn’t that part of what the season of Lent is about?!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Keith

We may ...depend upon God’s promises, for ...He will be as good as His word.

Matthew Henry





How well God knows us, not only our physical makeup but our emotional and mental ones too. He designed us, inside and out. With the fall in the garden and sin entering into the world everything became marred including our psyches. To allay our fears and insecurities, He graciously gives us His assurance in His word.

As we read the Bible, we find over and over again in the multitude of promises of God to His children, the many assurances He uses to speak to our hearts. God, knowing in our “fallen” nature that our hearts are prone to fear, tells us in Isaiah 41:10, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (I do both but in this verse He pulls me out of that trap.) There are 365 Bible verses that tell us “Do not be afraid” or “Do not fear”. God doesn’t mind repeating Himself because He knows how much we need to be reassured. Fear is a weapon the enemy of our souls uses against us.

And we worry, but Jesus tells us it is a waste of time. Matthew 6:27, “Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” He assures us in Matthew 6:32-33 that God will supply our needs for food and clothing. “For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Webster’s dictionary defines “assure” as coming from the Latin word meaning to secure. 1) to make a person sure of something 2) to give confidence to; reassure 3) to tell or promise confidently 4) to guarantee. In Greek the meaning is a “full assurance, or entire confidence”.

We sing “Blessed Assurance”, a well known hymn and faith affirming for us. There is in some hymnals, in the topical index, a list of many other hymns of assurance to sing. 1) “God will Take Care of You” 2) “He Lives” 3) “How Firm a Foundation” 4) “Just when I Need Him Most” 5) “Standing On the Promises” 6) “I Will Not Forget Thee” 7) “It is Well with My Soul”. Just reading the words to the hymns can be uplifting and assuring.

Whenever doubting our salvation and eternal security we can be assured by God in Romans 8:15 & 16. “For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father”. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” And in 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

In prayer, we have God’s assurance of hearing and answering our prayers. Psalm 145:19, “He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.” Psalm 6:9, “The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.” He hears. Psalm 86:7, “In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.” Psalm 3:4, “To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill.” He answers.

After many years of praying for my mother’s salvation, 7 months before she died, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart, “I will take care of your mother. You can be assured of her salvation.” I asked for confirmation and the next day was led to a book by Pastor Chuck Smith, titled *Faith*. He writes, “Through prayer you receive the assurance that God is going to take care of it.” And that “the Spirit of God ministers to your heart. He brings assurance and comfort.” True to His word, God did save my Mom 2 days before she died.

God doesn’t leave us hanging or wondering. He assures us and what a comfort that can be. It’s His heart for us to be delivered from our prisons of fears, anxieties and insecurities and a way He builds our trust in Him. So God gives us assurance thru His Word, thru His promises, thru our prayer times, thru the hymns and songs that we sing and thru the Holy Spirit indwelling us.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

By Susan Carter



## PULPIT FLOWER DEDICATIONS

<b><u>March 3</u></b>	Gwen Reed Betty & Charlie Kreischer	Josiah Reed, Sr. Grandmother, Rose Gilbert
<b><u>March 10</u></b>	Choir Tom Birch	Past Choir Members Laura & Norman Schmitt
<b><u>March 17</u></b>	Karen Smith Pat Kelly	William K. & Daisy M. Smason Kenny & Joann Rose
<b><u>March 24</u></b>	Karen Reed Dolores Barber	Aunt Pat Her son, Bruce & Husband, Jim
<b><u>March 28 Maunday Thursday</u></b>	Lauren Buckley Pat Dougherty	Loved Ones Robert Dougherty
<b><u>March 31—Easter Sunday Lily Dedications</u></b>		
<b><u>April 7</u></b>	Betty & Charlie Kreischer Pat Dougherty	Cousin, George Hill Robert Dougherty
<b><u>April 14</u></b>	Karen Reed <b>AVAILABLE</b>	My father, Ron Grimm
<b><u>April 21</u></b>	Douglas & Deanna Allen The Butler Family Karen Smith	Mark Bruno Hilma & Charles Butler, Fred Butler, Audrey Lamkin & Shirley Atzert William B. & Irene C. Smith
<b><u>April 28</u></b>	Mason Buckley Peggy & Betty Lou Marter Gwen Reed	Mother, Jane Buckley Thelma Marter William H. Fischer

Please, contact Karen Reed; 609.314.6673 or KSGREED@aol.com, if you would like to dedicate flowers or change your dedications. The flowers are yours to take after the Sunday Worship Service and are \$15 per urn.

**Dates available for dedications in 2024 include:** April 14, May 12 & 19, June 23, July 7, 14 & 28, Sept.15 and Oct. 6.

### Bits & Pieces

Gwen Reed

**THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT IS THE REALIZATION THAT LIFE IS A GIFT, NOT A RIGHT.**

*If you see good in everybody, nearly everybody will see good in you.*

Great minds are like parachutes. They work best when open.

*Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.*

**Too many people are ready to carry the stool when the piano needs to be moved.**

### Beverly Presbyterian Church Officers

#### ELDERS

##### CLASS OF 2025

Joe Reed  
Scott Reed  
Bob Sarnoski  
Norma Stanton

##### CLASS OF 2026

Pat Dougherty  
Charlie Kreisher  
Gwen Reed

##### CLASS OF 2027

No submissions

#### DEACONS

##### CLASS OF 2025

Lauren Buckley  
Betty Lou Marter

##### CLASS OF 2026

Carol Esposito  
Kim Sarnoski  
Shirley Lackraj

##### CLASS OF 2027

Dawn Edmonds (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Mary Nikolet (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Tracy Sarnoski (2<sup>nd</sup> term)



# Strawberry Apple Crisp by Ella Gilbert

## Streusel Topping Ingredients

- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup all purpose flour
- 1 stick unsalted butter cold, cubed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- pinch salt

## Filling Ingredients

- 4 cups strawberries sliced or quartered
- 3 cups granny smith apples peeled, cored and cubed
- 3 tablespoon cornstarch
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract



- 1) Preheat your oven to 350°F/175°C. Butter a 9-inch deep dish pie plate.
- 2) Whisk together the flour, cinnamon, ginger, salt, oats and brown sugar together in a large jug or medium bowl. Add in your cubed butter and use your fingers or a pastry cutter to rub the butter until it is very crumbly and everything is moistened. Place in the fridge while you prepare the filling
- 3) In a large bowl, mix all of your filling ingredients to-

- gether and toss.
- 4) Spread the filling out into an even layer of your dish. Make sure there are no gaps! Sprinkle over your topping mixture evenly.
- 5) Bake for 40-45 minutes. If it gets too brown, place some foil on top. The juices should be bubbling and the streusel top should be golden.
- 6) Allow it to cool for at least 5 minutes before serving.

## IN NEED OF



## **A.S.A.P.**

Always say a prayer!

Pat Dougherty – issues with knee that was replaced  
 Tracy Sarnoski – health concerns  
 Lois Traenkner – recovering from a stroke  
 Charles Dennis – health issues  
 Julia Dolce – health issues  
 Barbara Herrmann – Granville Place, Room 103, 111  
 Sunset Road, Burlington, NJ

Paul Stelzer (Iris & Edith’s father) – surgery recovery  
 Barbara Judd – health issues  
 Eileen Schmitt – involved in an accident; broken neck  
 Bob Hill – pneumonia; cancer  
 Sue Carter – prayers for a speedy recovery  
 Ryan Kimble (Gail Eutsey’s son-in-law) – prayers that  
 therapy gives him more movement in his hand

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 24—ROBIN SPERRY

In November, we held our Feast in the Woods Camping trip cooking a Thanksgiving style meal in the woods complete with turkey and ham. Also Andrew Urban completed his Eagle Scout project and turned in his Eagle Scout packet. He had his Board of Review in January and earned his Eagle Scout rank. His project was improving a garden for a woman's shelter in Trenton NJ.



In December, we collected food for the church's food pantry. We also held our annual Christmas Party. The Christmas Trivia competition was close between a group of scouts and one of the groups of adult leaders.

In January, Chris Nemeth finished his Eagle Scout Project, a flagpole installation at his church, Providence Presbyterian Church in Burlington. He turned in his Eagle Packet and his Board of Review will be in March. Hopefully our next update will include good news for him.

In February, we enjoyed getting to know many of you at Scout Sunday. We really enjoyed helping at your church service and time of fellowship afterwards. We also prepared for our Klondike Competition. This is a popular Scouting event in February that involves a group of 4 to 8 scouts pushing/pulling a wooden sled around with gear and competing in various scout skills from first aid, to knot tying to fire building. There are also some pretty fun stations like ax throwing, can crushing and crate stacking.







# MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					 1 <b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> 6:00 PM	2  12 Noon PW Afternoon Circle
3 10:00 AM WORSHIP Communion Service Sanctuary & Streamed Fellowship Hour & Lite Fare after the service	4 10 to 12 AM Pastor Office Hours 1:00 PM BIBLE STUDY THE DILEO HOME 5:00 PM ZOOM Prayer Meeting	5	6 5:00 to 7:00 PM Pastor Office Hours 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 6:00 PM PRAISE SERVICE Fellowship Hall & Facebook 6:30 PM Venn Diagram rehearsal	8	9
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 17 <b>HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY</b> 10:00 AM WORSHIP Sanctuary & Streamed <b>FOOD PANTRY BAG PACKING</b>	18 10 to 12 AM Pastor Office Hours 1:00 PM BIBLE STUDY 3:00 to 5:00 FOOD PANTRY BAG DISTRIBUTION 5:00 PM ZOOM Prayer Meeting	 19 <b>HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b>	20 5:00 to 7:00 PM Pastor Office Hours 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	21 6:00 PM PRAISE SERVICE Fellowship Hall & Facebook 6:30 PM Venn Diagram rehearsal	22	 23 Beverly PRESBYTERIAN Boutique & Thrift Store Open from 9 to 12
 24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:00 AM WORSHIP Sanctuary & Streamed	25	26 12 Noon PW Afternoon Circle	27 5:00 to 7:00 PM Pastor Office Hours 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED 	30
 31 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 10:00 AM WORSHIP Sanctuary & Streamed						

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—1st Friday of each Month

Come, bring your family and friends to a FREE Movie shown on the big screen with surround sound. Snacks are available for a nominal fee and the proceeds support youth activities. Bring your blanket and cushion if you wish. See you at the movies!

## THE FIRST SUNDAY

The first Sunday of every month the Lord's Sacrament of Communion is served except on 9/3. After the Worship Service, there is a Fellowship Hour with coffee, goodies and good conversation. Also, a Lite Fare Meal will be offered as a fundraiser to Balance the Budget.

## ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

We'd love to have you join us from the comfort of your home, the 1st & 3rd Monday's every month at 5 pm in prayer via Zoom. Contact Joanne by phone or text at 609-556-9534 or email at [jellis427@aol.com](mailto:jellis427@aol.com) to receive the log-in invite. Please also share your prayer concerns even if you can't join us so we can be praying for you!  
Joanne DiLeo

## THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday each month at noon in the BPC Fellowship Hall. We each bring our own lunch, and dessert is always provided. Please, remember to bring your

bible as we seek to draw near to God and He in turn draws near to us.

To God be the Glory! Sue Carter

## READING THE BIBLE WITH JOANNE

How to Read the Bible with Joanne DiLeo - Come whenever you can... One session isn't contingent on another, so you can pick up at any point. The group meets the **first and third Monday of the month** in the DiLeo home at 1:00 PM. Contact Joanne either by text, phone or email to let her know you are coming; [jellis427@aol.com](mailto:jellis427@aol.com) or 609-556-9534. If you need a ride, call Pat Dougherty, 856-912-0960.

## FOOD PANTRY

The 3rd Monday each month bags of food are distributed to anyone who needs one. Lauren Buckley, Carol Esposito, Tracy and Kim Sarnoski diligently prepare the bags the prior Sunday for distribution. Contact one of them if you would like to help.

## THE HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ

No **RESERVATIONS** needed. Open before and after the worship service, all but the first Sunday of the month. You'll find hot beverages, juice, donuts and delicious pastries. This is a great time to catch up with your church family and friends. Bring a friend. See you in the Café.



# APRIL 2024

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## CELEBRATE!



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - Charlie Kreischer
- 10 - Ethan Arter
- 11 - Pat Dougherty
- 17 - Gwen Reed
- 20 - Donna Rivera
- 23 - George Stevenson
- 27 - Scott Reed

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Bob & Tracy Sarnoski (32 Years)
- 22 - Alan & Gail Eutsey (47 years)

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Breanna Weaver
- 4 - Savannah Weaver
- 10 - Nora Jackson
- 12 - Mason Buckley
- 12 - Alan Eutsey
- 20 - Dot Myers



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

(January 1 - 31, 2024)

Revenue needed to make budget: \$ 14,459  
 Actual Revenue received for period: \$ 13,572  
 Revenue under budget: \$ 887

Total Expenditures: \$ 17,871  
 Actual Revenue received for period: \$ 13,572  
 Revenue under expenditures: \$ 4,299

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**Sunday, April 14.**

**BPC Express team:**

Pat Dougherty, Gwen Reed,  
 Sue Carter, Shirley Lackraj and Karen Reed.

