

BEVERLY EXPRESS

Beverly Presbyterian Church 121 Warren St. East, Edgewater Park, NJ 08010



KAYCEE TORRES



Kaycee Soogrim (Torres) of Edgewater Park passed away October 5th at the age of 80 years old. Kaycee was born May 11, 1943. She is predeceased by her Husband Soogrim Narine, Granddaughter Keisha Soogrim and Son Shammie Soogrim. She

was a loving mother to her Daughter Shirley Lackraj (Chalkie) Grandson Jesse Lackraj (Kristin) Great grandsons Tyler & Antonio Lackraj.

SHAMMIE SOOGRIM



Shami Soogrim, of Edinburgh 500, Chaguanas, Trinada. The 61-year-old security officer was killed at his workplace in Chaguanas on Thursday, October 5. He was predeceased by his father Soogrim Narine, mother Kaycee Soogrim (Torres)

and daughter Keisha Soogrim. He is survived by his sister Shirley (Chaulkie) Lackraj, nephew Jesse (Kristin) Lackraj and Great Nephews Tyler & Antonio Lackraj.

Contribute to the Next Issue

Send your interesting articles, captions, news, and advertisements to

BeverlyPressNewsletter@gmail.com
or give to an Express team member by

Sunday, December 10.

BPC Express team:

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

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Join the festivities on **Sunday**, **December 3rd** after the Worship service. The Board of Deacons are hosting a covered dish brunch in lieu of the lite fare. Santa (Mason Buckley), Mrs. Claus (Lauren Buckley) and Elf (Gaige Buckley) will there here, bringing us together in fellowship to celebrate the advent season, leading to Christmas. Bring a dish to pass.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - shoebox donation

This mission will run Sunday Oct. 22nd - <u>Sunday Nov. 12th</u>. All donations will need to be at Church by Sunday Nov. 12th after worship as I will be taking them to the drop off location. The table with shoeboxes, packing slips and information will be on display starting Sunday October 15th. There is a \$10 fee that is to be included with the shoebox, that needs to be in the form of a check or money order, or you can pay this online.

We will also be running the Reverse Advent Calendar which will run from December 1st - December 24th. This is a canned good drive that supports our Church Food Bank. See attached list of items. Flyers will go out in Weekly Bulletins beginning November 19th.

Each day add an item to a box.

On Christmas Eve Donate the bag to our church Food Pantry.

DECEMBER—REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

1 - box of cereal

2 - peanut butter

3 - stuffing mix

4 - boxes potatoes

5 - mac & cheese

6 - canned fruit

7 - canned tuna

8 - canned tomatoes

9 - desert mix

10 - applesauce

11 - can of sweet potatoes

12 - cranberry sauce

13 - can of baked beans

14 - box of crackers

15 - package of rice

16 - package of oatmeal

17 - package of pasta

18 - spaghetti sauce

19 - chicken noodle soup

20 - can of corn

21 - can of mixed vegetable

22 - tomato soup

23 - can of carrots

24 - can of green beans



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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...

It was an annual trek when I was living in the Netherlands. England for the Netherlands, only to become discouraged On the fourth Thursday of November we would trek to a church in Delfshaven, which these days is part of the city of Rotterdam. It is regularly forgotten that the Pilgrim fathers (and mothers) did not head for North America initially. Rather they left their homes in England and traveled to the Netherlands, which was renowned for its religious freedom. After a bit of time in Amsterdam, the Pilgrims moved south to the city of Leiden, where many were employed in textiles. Many resided in houses surrounding the Pieter's Kerk, where yours truly would walk when he was studying in Leiden. But wanting to maintain their language as well as their own religious practices, the group decided to head west, back to England, and then onto the New World. So they set off through a series of canals and the Schie River for Delfshaven, where they knelt in prayer on the dock near the church. Soon thereafter they boarded the Speedwell and set sail for Plymouth, England, and onto North America. When the *Speedwell* proved less than seaworthy the Pilgrims returned to Plymouth, boarded the *Mayflower*, and sailed across the North Atlantic for Virginia, a destination they obviously never reached.

It's hard not to admire the courage and resolve of these early Pilgrims. They did not believe that the Church of England satisfied their spiritual quest. To some it seemed that the Pope had simply been replaced by the English monarch. They wanted to practice their beliefs in an unadulterated fashion. So they left England, first for the Netherlands and then for the New World. It certainly wasn't easy! There were trials and tribulations seemingly at every turn. They had left their homes and culture in

and frustrated yet again. So they moved on – again. But as they moved on curiously they took time to pray at the church in Delfshaven. By worldly standards they didn't have much. They certainly didn't have much to show for all their troubles. Still they knelt to pray on the quay near the church which would eventually be accorded the name Pilgrim Fathers' Church. Obviously their trials and tribulations were still far from over. But they believed that God was with them, and they continued to move on in faith. Eventually they did make it to the New World, and they were able to establish a colony in the New World.

I find it remarkable that a group which had experienced so much adversity would kneel to return thanks to God, even as they were setting out for a totally new world. There seems to be a "disconnect" between their practice and reality. Still I believe they have something to teach us. In our modern world it is only the United States and Canada among major nations who celebrate a day of Thanksgiving. And in these United States Thanksgiving is often more about parades, football, and turkey than it is about returning thanks to God. We are disoriented when we fail to be thankful. Cultivating an attitude of gratitude inspires people to continue to work for the next reason for which to give thanks to God. And if you truly cultivate that attitude of gratitude, if you are truly thankful for the blessings we enjoy, then you will find that God will be sending even more blessings your/our way.

In Christ,

Pastor Keith

When we give the Word of God space to live in our heart, the Spirit of God will use it to take root, penetrating the earthiest recesses of our lives.



GOD EMPOWERS YOU

Christian walk in our own strength or ingenuity. God's Presence living inside of us empowers and equips us

to live the Christian life. We read in Luke 24:49 that Jesus told his disciples, "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." He was referring to the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit. If you have received Iesus Christ as your Savior you have this same power residing in vou.

Again in John 14:16-17, Jesus comforts his followers with, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in vou."

Charles Stanley writes in his book, *Becoming Emotionally* Whole that, "the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to give you daily guidance and counsel" and "to guard you from evil and to guide you into righteousness." Dr. Stanley exhorts us to, "Ask for the help of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis." Charles Spurgeon tells us in his book, Holy Spirit Power, "You will never overcome sin by your own power nor by any energy other than that of the Holy Spirit." We need to learn to rely on God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

The good news is that God does not expect us to live out our When Zerubbabel returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple that was in ruins, the LORD encouraged him with the words in Zechariah 4:6, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty." "Might" meaning human resources or human ability. "Power" meaning human physical or mental effort. The same is true for us in whatever God calls us to do.

> In Isaiah 40:29, we read, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." I like Isaiah 40:28, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary,

> and his understanding no one can fathom." Sometimes or rather most times we need to be reminded of how big God is and the magnitude of His infinite Person. This is found most easily in His word.

> God gives us His Spirit so we can do what we could never do in the flesh. Isn't it a relief to know that God never demands of us what He has not already enabled and empowered us to accomplish.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sue Carter

IN NEED OF

Shirley Lackraj - severe back pain and the deaths of her mother and brother Carol Esposito - healing after surgery and test results Tracy Sarnoski – health concerns Charlie Kreischer – procedure on his back on Aug. 3 Melissa Dallmann (Kreischers' granddaughter) - gastroparesis Lois Traenkner - recovering from a stroke

Charles Dennis - health issues

Iulia Dolce – health issues Always say a prayer! Barbara Judd – health issues Barbara Herrmann - Granville Place, Room 103, 111 Sunset Road, Burlington, NJ Sue Carter – recovering from breast cancer surgery Ryan Kimble (Gail Eutsey's son-in-law) - praise for successful surgery & prayers for healing Gary Christopher – health issues

Jerryd – (Caidan & Payton's father) – brain tumor



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STEWARDSHIP REPORT (for period January 1 – August 31, 2023)

Revenue needed to make budget: \$113,328 Actual revenue received for period: \$79,106 Revenue under budget: - \$34,222

Total Expenditures: \$109,886 Actual revenue received for period: \$79,106 Revenue under expenditures: - \$30,780

PULPIT FLOWER DEDICATIONS

November 5 <u>To Honor:</u>

Betty & Charlie Kreischer Grandfather, Aurther Owens
Carol Esposito Wilbur & Martha Landrock and
Audrey Esposito

November 12

Dolores Barber My Son, Bruce & Husband Jim Jim & Steven Spencer Jean & Jacques Shedaker

November 19

Pat Kelly Sister, Beezie Holmes & Father, John Staples

Jim & Steven Spencer Kathie Spencer

November 26

Lauren Buckley Mom, Joan Campbell Lauren Buckley Dad, Norm Campbell

December 3

Betty & Charlie Kreischer Church Family for Christmas Blessing AVAILABLE

December 10

Dolores Barber My Son, Bruce & Husband Jim

Pat Dougherty Jane & Mark Sneff and Etta & Roy Geisser

December 17 & December 23 Memorial Poinsettias

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 \$12 per urn.







The Beverly Presbyterian Church provides two outstanding opportunities for you to gather with other Christians for worshiping 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.



Gwen Reed

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but he knows that God will make us good because he loves us."

C.S.Lewis

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror.

REMEMBER THAT SILENCE IS SOMETIMES THE BEST ANSWER!

If you erase all the mistakes of your past, you will also erase all of the wisdom of your present. Remember the lesson, not the disappointment!

It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

And this is how <u>we know that he lives in us:</u>
<u>We know it by the Spirit he gave us.</u>

1 John 3:24

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THE GOOD LIFE RECIPE

4 c. LOVE 5 tsp. HOPE

2 c. LOYALTY 2 tsp. TENDERNESS

3 c. FORGIVENESS 4 qts. FAITH 1 c. FRIENDSHIP BARREL LAUGHTER

Take Love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding.

Sprinkle abundantly with laughter.

Bake with sunshine and serve daily with generous helpings.

This recipe was printed in an old recipe book that I believe came from the Presbyterian Women many years ago. Betty Kreischer found it recently and has decided to share it with all of you. (Some things never change, I hope).

Pat Dougherty

BOY SCOUT TROOP 24—ROBIN SPERRY

Highlights from Troop 24's Early Fall from Robin Sperry, Charter Representative and Advancement Chair for Troop 24

September was busy with our pretzel and drink fundraiser at the Wood Street Fair in Burlington City. It was very successful and the boys enjoyed seeing all those that stopped by our booth to support them. We also had our bi-annual Court of Honor picnic. It got rained out on the afternoon we were supposed to have it so we had it in the church fellowship hall during one of our Wednesday night meetings

October brought our planning and having our recruiting Halloween Party open house. We had 13 cub scouts plus their families attend on the 18th.

Hoping a few decide to join the troop come this spring. At the end of the October we are participating in Edgewater

Park's Halloween Boo-Nanza. I think the boys are really looking forward to it! Some will serve refreshments and some will be part of the haunting group.

In November we will be doing Paul Bunyan Day - a cub scout event will cool activities. And our Feast in the woods camping trip. I will provide pics from those next time.

















NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 10:00 AM WORSHIP Communion Service Sanctuary & Streamed Fellowship Hour & Lite Fare after the service	6 10 to 12 AM Pastor Office Hours 1:00 PM BIBLE STUDY 5:00 PM ZOOM Prayer Meeting	7	5:00 to 7:00 PM Pastor Office Hours 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM PRAISE SERVICE Fellowship Hall & Facebook	10	WORK DAY FOR THE MANSE AND CHURCH
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26 10:00 AM WORSHIP Sanctuary & Streamed CHRISTMAS DECORATING	No Pastor Office Hours	28 12 Noon PW Afternoon Circle	29 5:00 to 7:00 PM Pastor Office Hours 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM PRAISE SERVICE Fellowship Hall & Facebook		

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 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 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 it. Lauren Buckley, Carol Esposito, Tracy and Kim Sarnoski diligently prepare the bags the prior Tuesday 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.



DECEMBER 2023

STUDY	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10-00 AM WORSHIP Communion Sanctuary & Streamed BRUNCH WITH COVERED DISH COVERED DISH COVERED DISH COVERED DISH STORE STUDY THE DILEO HOME 5:00 PM ZOOM Prayer Meeting Streamed FOOD PANTRY BAG PACKING EXPRESS DEADLINE 10 10:00 AM WORSHIP Sanctuary & Streamed PACKING EXPRESS DEADLINE 17 10:00 AM WORSHIP Sanctuary & Streamed SPECIAL	1st Sanday of Advent						BUILD A GINGER- BREAD HOUSE AND
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		CHRISTMAS DAY	<	—— OFFICE CLOSED –	>		

CHURCH WORK DAY Rollup your sleeves, bring your gloves

and knee pads for a church work day on Saturday, November 11 from 9 to?. There's plenty to do; painting

and trim work, ing the floor in a few tasks on

NEW YEAR'S EVE 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary & Streamed

clean up and laythe Manse to name the list.

Work Together

The more the merrier!

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!!!!!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

22 - Josiah Reed, Jr.

26 - David Hill

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS 1 – Carol Esposito 2 – Gail Eutsey

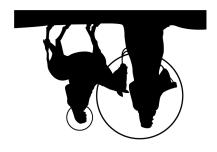
- 2 Rebecca Belliveau
- 5 Kim Snively
- 10 Daniel Kellaway, Jr.
- 12 Tracy Sarnoski
- 13 Peggy Marter
- 18 Angie Palombi
- 21 Norma Stanton
- 22 Jeanne Buffarini
- 25 Frank Nikolet
- 26 Lauren Buckley

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Brandon & Kelly Noe (3 years)
- 2 Charles & Betty Kreischer (66 years)
- 13 Tim & Cathy Devoy (30 years)



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COMMUNION —FIRST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH @ 10:00 AM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT— FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH @ 6:30 PM FOOD PANTRY— THIRD MONDAY EVERY MONTH; 3:00 TO 5:00 PM Followed by Fellowship Hour and Lite Fare

9:15 AM Continental Breakfast in the Café 10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Mondays (first and third) In the Sanctuary and streamed on **BPClive.sermon.net**

Reading the Bible with Joanne at 1:00 PM

THURSDAYS Prayer Meeting via Zoom at 5:00 PM

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

Interim Pastor—The Rev. Dr. Keith Schmitt BEVERLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Choir Director—Gwen Reed Praise Leader—Joanne DiLeo

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