

The Church In Brielle

Announcements

Sunday, November 15, 2020



THE CHURCH IN BRIELLE

Saturday November 15 10:00am - Freddie Fiorentino leads us in worship while Pastor Lou enjoys some well deserved time off.

Saturday, November 22 10:00am - Outdoor Sunday School Drop your kiddo's off at the church's fenced in side yard before you enjoy Pastor Lou's sermon or you can hang with us outside for the hour. We will read books, do a craft/activity, run around and just have fun! Weather permitting. Please dress appropriately.

Sunday, November 22 Ministerium's Virtual Thanksgiving Service. Time and how to connect to be announced soon. Details on page 10.

Sunday, November 29 10:00am - No In-Person Worship Because many of us will be with family and friends on Thanksgiving, the Consistory decided not to have in-person worship on November 29. Please join us at 10:00am via *Facebook Live* or after it is posted, to experience worship that day or during the week.!

Alternative Gift Fair - The church year rolls around again to Autumn and with the new season comes fresh opportunities to be the church of Jesus Christ. This is why we hold our annual ***Alternative Gift Fair***... to provide gifts that will help the least and the lost... the poor and the marginalized... and for the environment... just in time for Christmas. This Christmas will be a tough time for lots of people, but the same Christ that was born 2000 years ago is with us today and he says,

...when you do it to the least of these you do it unto me!

Joyfully serving that Christ! - **Pastor Lou and Candace Moose**, Chair of Missions and Outreach

Alternative Gift Fair form later in the announcements.

CHURCH LIFE - SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited to announce that we are starting
IN-PERSON Sunday School!!!!

Where: The fenced in yard next to the church

Who: Children 3+

When: 11/8 & 11/22

Time: 10-11am

Drop your kiddo's off before you enjoy Pastor Lou's sermon or you can hang with us outside for the hour. We will read books, do a craft/activity, run around and just have fun!

As of right now, Sunday school will be held on 2 Sunday's a month. We will also have a "seasonal event" for the children at the church each month (pumpkin patch, CIB Thankful event, Live Nativity, etc.).

If the weather does not cooperate (rain, snow, just too cold) Sunday School will be cancelled. Look to the church's [Facebook page](#) for updates!

Some things to consider:

- Dress children for the outdoors
- Use the bathroom ahead of time since we want to limit inside contact
- No food or drink will be given to children BUT if they want to bring their own water bottle that is totally fine

We are so excited to reconnect with all of you and your children.

Please let Shannon Nish know if you are able to help out with Sunday School or any of our monthly events. Our goal is to have 2 or more adults run Sunday School.

EXCITED!!!!!!

CHURCH LIFE - ALTERNATE GIFT FAIR

If you could wish for anything what would it be? I bet it wouldn't be anything material but something that can't be seen, like justice, peace, happiness and love for all people. These are things we cannot see with our eyes, but the evidence of these things is seen in the lives of the people who receive them. I think we all feel the same way. As this Christmas is sure to be different because of all the unique ways 2020 has challenged us it will surely be different for the least and the lost... the poor and the marginalized... and for the environment.

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Imagine the faces of your loved ones when they receive an **AFG** Christmas card from you saying that you gave a gift in honor of that loved one to support one or more of the seven agencies we will be supporting this year:

Allaire Animal Rescue Farm: An awesome environment that is a sanctuary for rescued animal, AARF offers amazing programs to the community that transforms the lives of special needs persons, interest groups, and anyone who loves animals. This working farm draws in volunteers that learn how we humans symbiotically interact with God's creatures.

Cypress Missions: We have a deep relationship with founder and director, Freddie Fiorentino, who draws people from all walks of faith to work side by side making life better for those who need our help. Whether close by in Asbury Park or Neptune, or to the Bahamas and Puerto Rico in hurricane repair, or in Bulgaria to refurbish and make safe orphanages and schools, we know that Freddie has a heart to serve the most vulnerable children of God and has the gift of drawing others in to help.

D.I.R.E. or Detention Immigration Refugee Equipo: ...supports the most vulnerable immigrants who fled their countries out of extreme desperation. D.I.R.E. comes alongside refugees offering housing, food and other resources, and legal assistance. D.I.R.E. is part of the Classis of New Brunswick's CIC or Churches Improving Communities which also offers Mental Health Services, Recovery for natural disaster relief, Neighborcorps Re-Entry Services providing free, supportive services that help individuals to transition from jail back into society and avoid recidivism, and support and resources for cancer patients and their families.

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Clean Ocean Action Of NJ: An amazing organization that does so much to protect our beautiful ocean and precious wildlife. "Our goal is to improve the degraded water quality of the marine waters off the New Jersey/New York coast." Clean Ocean Action will identify the sources of pollution and mount an attack on each source by using research, public education, and citizen action to convince our public officials to enact and enforce measures which will clean up and protect our ocean.

DonorsChoose.Org: Founded in 2000 by a high school teacher in the Bronx, DonorsChoose empowers public school teachers from across the country to request much-needed materials for their students. Right now, there are thousands of teacher requests that you can help bring to life with your support. Especially with the ongoing pandemic, teachers need classroom basics. All our support will go towards schools in New Jersey who need it most.

Dina's Dwellings: Located in New Brunswick, NJ, in historic and fully refurbished First Reformed Church, Dina's Dwellings provides much needed safe and affordable housing to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Dina's Dwellings provides 10 dwelling units and joyfully assists in developing residents' life-skills, and offers job assistance, and many other social services.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Outreach Ministries: We all know of the former glory days of Asbury Park, but do you know what BAME Church is doing now to bring the Kingdom of God? Through their Food Pantry and Clothing Bank, the people of Asbury find a safe and welcoming "home" to receive basic needs. We recently were invited by Cypress Missions to do much needed renovations to the building which now has adequate clean shelving and floors, a new bathroom, and an airconditioned and clean office to process paperwork and orders. Several freezers now offer beef and chicken and other protein sources to the community.

Now doesn't supporting this year's AGF selections sound like some amazing ways to ***bring the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven!!!***

Please return it to the church with your check made out to The Church In Brielle (please not to CIB because the bank won't cash it) and mark the memo line AGF. Cards for you to send to the loved ones you are purchasing these gifts for are in the church sanctuary and fellowship hall but if you cannot get out to pick them up, please let us know and we will bring them to you!!!

CHURCH LIFE - ELDERS AND DEACONS

Are you prayerfully considering if God may be calling you to be ordained to the office of elder or deacon? If so, let Pastor Lou or Elder, John Linfante know if you have any questions.

Deacons are set apart for a ministry of mercy, service, and outreach.

They gather gifts and offerings, care for them faithfully, and distribute them with wisdom and compassion to persons in need and for purposes that advance God's kingdom on earth. Deacons visit and comfort the distressed, provide for whatever necessities may arise, and assist the congregation at services of worship.

Elders are set apart for a ministry of watchful and responsible care for the welfare and order of the church.

They have oversight of all members, including one another, the deacons, and the ministers, equipping everyone to live in harmony with God's Word. They ensure the Word of God is rightly proclaimed and taught, and the sacraments faithfully administered. Elders assist the minister/s with their good counsel, and serve all Christians with advice, consolation, and encouragement.

Elders and deacons, together with the minister/s, form the consistory

to lead God's people in proclaiming good news to the poor, righteousness to the nations, and peace among all. The consistory provides for the welfare of the church, stewardship of property and finance, and the spiritual benefit and growth of all Christ's people.

As the three offices of deacon, elder, and minister of Word and sacrament, are united in Christ, so also in the church one office is not separate from the others.

The minister of Word and sacrament does not serve without the elder and neither without the deacon. Together they enable the whole mission of the church. Everything in the church will be done decently and in order when faithful persons are called to office, and responsibly fulfil their charge.

CHURCH LIFE - WHO ARE OUR ELDERS & DEACONS?

Consistory: Leadership consisting of Elders and Deacons - meet once per month - on Zoom.

“Together, the offices of Elder and Deacon, and Minister of Word and Sacrament comprise the Full Pastorate.” RCA Book of Church Order

Deacons

- Candace Moose, Mission and Outreach
- Ken Olenyik, Property
- Linda Stefano, Fellowship
- Nancy LeBlanc, Fellowship

Elders

- John Linfante, Vice President of Consistory & Classis Elder Delegate Alternate
- Jack Conover, Treasurer and Classis Elder Delegate
- Shannon Nish, Christian Education, Sunday School & Youth

Clerk: Lori Keasel, Welcoming & Inclusivity Ministry



A TIME FOR PRAYER

Dear God of Grace and Love, we ask your blessing upon _____.

We ask that you assure them of your presence and love. We pray for healing in body, soul, mind, spirit, and wherever else your healing touch is needed. Send your Holy Spirit and give them strength. Bless all who care for them. Watch over them as well and guide them by your grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

JOYS

November birthdays, anniversaries, other special days.

Re-opening of the Clothes Closet at the Ford Center - Bethel AME Church of Asbury Park, serving the local community.

**Outdoor Sunday School last Sunday
amazing weather - amazing playtime
and lessons on the importance of
helping others.**



MILITARY HONOREES

**Ronald Anzalone, Army, Iraq
Union III, Unit 223, APO, AE 09348**

**Sgt Joshua Stephenson, Task Force Anvil
A Co 2/104th, 28th ECAB, APO AE 09305**

Please share your joys - births, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations - and concerns - pictures are welcome! Contact Pastor Lou at pastorlou@churchinbrielle.org

CONCERNS

Alexa Huber, daughter of Jeff Huber, passed into the nearer presence of God. Please keep Jeff and his family and friends in your prayers.

William (Billy) Morelli passed into the nearer presence of God. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Gary Smith, Dylan Finn, Bob Cardin, John Shalvoy, Terry Corino and her family, Keith Talty, MaryAnn Castimore, Emory and Lillian Castimore, Charlotte Schmidt and her sister Beverly Hoffman, Jayne Linfante, Susan Tylka, Dennis and Meghan Noonan, Greg Szweda, Kathleen Weinrich, Karyn Camilo, Debbie Sandford, Pat Stefan, Masie DePalma, Ann Kranick, Juanita Venerable, Don Ferry, Catherine Herold, Chris Herbert, Debbie Zilai, Paul Borden, Dr. Bob Evans, Julie Caputo, Beth MacFarland, Tammy Sutpin, Terry Bonavito and family, Geraldine Bayles.

All impacted by COVID19 - physically and financially. All who work in health care, first responders, vendors, teachers teaching remotely and parents teaching at home, etc.

Family Promise Update: Please keep the homeless in your prayers!!

Opportunities To Show Our Christian Love

Nancy Kehs' beloved husband, Jack, recently passed away.

Susan Tylka began a course of chemotherapy.

Your cards and other expressions of love would help.

Nancy Kehs lives at 26 Sidney Court in Brick, NJ 08724.

Susan Tulka lives at 2229 Ramshorn Drive in Allenwood, NJ 08720

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cypress Missions

Our continued work in Asbury Park at the food pantry, clothes closet, and Bethel AME Church, along with various projects in the nearby communities have provided a way for some to serve without traveling. Please join us at the Clothes Closet - open **Saturday, November 21 10:00-12:00.** Please contact Freddie at 732-278-3797 freddie@cypressmissions.com

Manasquan Food Pantry

The Manasquan Food Bank needs extra volunteers the **week of November 16-20 to distribute thanksgiving baskets to their clients: Monday and Tuesday 10-1, Thursday and Friday 1-4;** no Wednesdays. Pick what time slot works for you. Text or email Richard Speiser with your interest and availability.. Do you have friends who you might want to take with you? Must wear a mask. rspeiser@comcast.net 732-996-7537

Men's Work Clothes Needed First Baptist Church in Manasquan is collecting the following items for day laborers in the area: Men's work coats, heavy hoodies, work boots, hats and gloves. Please drop off items at our church or at First Baptist on 51 South Street in Manasquan.



**"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
God's love endures forever."**

1 Chronicles 16:34



**I thank my God
every time
I remember you.
Philippians 1:3**

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is coming soon, and our Ministerium Thanksgiving Service will happen this year, but it will happen virtually.

Join us on Sunday Evening, November 22nd to Thank God for God's many blessings and goodness to God's world and people. Time and how to connect to be announced soon.

The local pastors will lead us in worship, music will help us celebrate, and yours truly will deliver a really short message.

It's been a tough year, but God remains faithful... Amen???

**"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7**

I hope you can join us as we celebrate and give thanks together.

In Christ's amazing love, Pastor Lou