

**The Church In Brielle
Announcements
Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 28, 2021**



THE CHURCH IN BRIELLE

Every Sunday at 9:20am - Zoom Fellowship - Join us for on-line fellowship before church. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82733136549>

Every Sunday at 10:00am - Sunday Service Facebook Live. <https://www.facebook.com/Thechurchinbrielle/videos/>



Palm Sunday, March 28th: 10:00 AM We will be in-person for worship at 10:00 AM as well as remaining online at FB Live! Please RSVP via email and follow in-person process, details on next page.

Children's Event, Sunday, March 28 11:30-1:00

Come celebrate Easter a little early with us! We will have activities for ALL ages including, Palm cross making, Egg dying, Easter egg hunting, Cookies & Milk, and Time to enjoy spring air!



Weather permitting outside - watch Facebook for updates Sunday morning.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 6:30pm, LENT STUDY OF INCLUSIVITY / UNITY

Please join us for our final study in person to examine the contemporary Christian approach to be aware and inclusive of ALL of God's children. Contact Lori at lorik86@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Easter Sunday, April 4th: He Is Risen!!! Join us for two services in-person.

- 1 - 8:30 AM outdoor service! Bring your own chair / blanket.
- 2 - 10:00 AM in person as well as Facebook Live!



****** RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP DETAILS ******

March 8, 2021

Dear friends,

This week Consistory met and discussed regathering indoors and in person for worship.



We decided that we will regather in person and indoors for worship beginning on Sunday, March 21. We are following CDC Guidelines so space will be limited as we social distance.

As per CDC guidelines we are only allowed a limited number of guests per service. Because of this, you will have to sign up in advance to reserve your spot(s) for each service. Each week a new e-sign-up request will be emailed to you. Please fill out the sign-up request as soon as possible. For those of you who do not have email please call Pastor Lou at 845-591-2016 to reserve your spot(s).

When you arrive please enter through the red doors on Riverview Drive.

Please come wearing face coverings. We will have extras at the entrance. You will need to wear face coverings throughout the service and whenever you are inside the building. In order to keep each other as safe as possible, no one will be admitted to the services without a face covering.

When you arrive, an usher will take your temperature, and your name and contact information, and ask you to sterilize your hands with hand sanitizer.

Contact information has to be taken in the event we have to contact you should someone in attendance contracts Covid-19.

Ushers will also seat you so we can make sure seating is done quickly and safely. Windows and doors will be open to provide ventilation, please dress accordingly.

Offering plates will be available in the front and rear of sanctuary to limit movement during the service. Please place offerings in plates upon entering or exiting the service.

Returning .. continued

Before the Benediction we will all take a moment to wipe down the areas we occupy with wipes provided us in our pews.

Singing is discouraged, unfortunately, in houses of worship but light humming is permissible (sorry, I'm just reinforcing the rules).

If you are not feeling well, have a fever, or know of any exposure to someone who may have Covid-19 please remain home and join us via FBLive.

Following worship all will exit through the Fellowship Hall, so that the flow of traffic will be from the rear to the front of the sanctuary.

As we navigate through these new procedures, we will be prayerful and careful so that we can love one another by keeping each other safe. We know we all prefer not to cover our faces and to sing boldly once again, and hopefully we will be doing in the near future. Our regathering in person for worship will take adjusting and your partnership so we can keep the doors open and our worshipers safe.

And now the part you've been waiting for... If you can assist as an usher or in other way such as: reading scripture, assisting with Facebook Live and streaming, manning the computer for projection on screens, or in any other way please let me know.

If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Lou - pastorlou@churchinbrielle.org and my cell is 845-591-2016.

May God richly bless us and our world!

Pastor Lou

MARK COOK LUNCHEON - April 11 at 11:00AM

March 18, 2021

RE.: Mark Cook Luncheon, April 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Dear Church Family,

Some of you have already heard that Mark Cook and his husband Richard are moving to Florida. Mark is beloved, and has blessed us and our church for over 10 years; it is with sadness that he leaves us. Yet we rejoice in this new chapter in his and Richard's lives and wish them God's very best.

On Sunday, April 11 we will gather in person after worship at the church to show our love and appreciation for Mark. A light luncheon will be served. The celebration will begin at 11:00 AM. Please come ready to share some stories or anecdotes that would help Mark know how he has touched all our lives. We are planning this event for outdoors, weather permitting and we will exercise social distancing.

Please RSVP to Nancy LeBlanc at nanc1614@optonline.net or Linda Stefano at artmom@hotmail.com or call me at 845-591-2016 by April 4, 2021.

Mark is aware that we will be doing this for him. What he doesn't know is that we are also asking you to show your appreciation for Mark in some kind of monetary donation of any amount. If you would like to do that please make your check out to The Church In Brielle and be sure to put in the memo section "Mark Cook". Please send in your gift for Mark before April 4th. We will also be presenting Mark with a framed photograph taken by Linda Stefano of our piano and a beautiful card made by Jayne Linfante that we would like you all to sign.

Mark's last day with us is Sunday, April 18th. Consistory has approved a new music director, Dawne Mechlinski, who will start on April 25th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 845-591-2016 or email me at pastorlou@churchinbrielle.com.

Very truly yours in Christ, **Pastor Lou**

THE CHURCH IN BRIELLE COMMUNITY NEED

FROM HILDE HERB'S FAMILY

April 8 - NEED HELP MOVING furniture from the house to the moving truck at the house on APRIL 8 - Please contact Pastor Lou.

April 9 and 10 - Estate Sale

26 Piedmont Court, Brick

BLOOD NEEDED

The Red Cross is in need of blood. Click the link below to find a Red Cross blood donation location.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=08730>

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN BRIELLE

COVID-19 AND GIVING

Dear friends, because of many factors, including isolation and other Covid-19 conditions, our Pledge Giving and the giving of tithes, gifts and offerings is quite low. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to give monetarily to The Church In Brielle, so the work of God is done in and through us. In Christ and for The Kingdom of God, Your Consistory!

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH

In addition to giving in the following ways...

1. Mail in your checks to The Church in Brielle
2. Hit the *donate* button on our church website
3. Use the phone App Vanco GivePlus
4. Arrange with your bank to send check
5. <https://smile.amazon.com>

2021 Classis RCA Assessment: \$30.00 per member per quarter.

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

March birthdays, anniversaries, other special days.

Outpouring of love and support for the Manasquan Food Pantry - a last minute need sent to the congregation yielded many bags of food in time for the Easter bags to be completed and distributed to 150 families. Faith in Action!

Birth of Brynn Dorothy to parents, Christopher and Sara Fowler, and rejoicing grandparents, Maureen and Don Fowler!

Spring has arrived!!

Gratitude for 2021 Lay Readers - Jayne Linfante, John Linfante, Cyndi Farley, Dan Ayers, Joan Leavitt, Carl Flohs Beth Comandini. Bless you!



Every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00am - Prayer, devotion and spiritual connection on Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 am via Zoom online or by telephone. There may be a short delay while Pastor Lou grants you access to the meeting. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sf-uqrz0jHtbhgxi0JsciuLWR9e1O9moY>

CONCERNS

Bill Santana passed into God's nearer presence. Please keep Bill's family in your prayers.

Prayers for Jeffrey Luckenbach

Continued prayers for Joi Carrolla, Michael Earles, Chuckie Totka, Alana and Mike Arberg, Addison, Janet Porcino, Bill Ellis, Anthony Minnella, Al Olesky, Connie Foster, Sean Farley, Nancy LeBlanc, Cheryl Campbell, Jayne Linfante, Kathleen and Karl Weinrich, Debby Parsons and daughter Jill Rossitto, Candace Moose, Sam Castimore, Emory and Lillian Castimore, Jeff Huber, Dylan Finn, Charlotte Schmidt and her sister Beverly Hoffman, Susan Tylka, Dennis and Meghan Noonan, Debbie Sandford, Pat Stefan, Masie DePalma, Ann Kranick, Juanita Venerable, Don Ferry, Catherine Herold, Debbie Zilai, Paul Borden, Dr. Bob Evans, Beth MacFarland, Tammy Sutpin.

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Activity for Humanity - <https://www.rcmetuchen.org/social-justice/>

Recent flooding in Indonesia has left thousands displaced and several dead, creating a national disaster for the island's Christian population. Please give what you can to support our Christian brothers and sisters in desperate need. This project is being managed by the Metuchen RCA Church in our Synod of New Brunswick. This mission will serve as our Mission of the Month project for 1st quarter 2021.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Reach out to a friend to say hello and catch up! Your cards, calls, texts, and other expressions of love would help.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CvhAc5EarP29LCHLP45NN05UyDRdITIThgkIT4_Bcs8/edit#gid=2068920573

ACTIVE MILITARY

Ronald Anzalone, Army, Iraq
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Cadet Katie Schiavo, USCGA (Graduating 2021)
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Please email Lorik86@gmail.com with contact information for your college students and active military.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cypress Missions - Changing lives through service

Bethel AME Clothes Closet, Asbury Park - Just wanted to take a minute to first thank those of you who have been part of our ongoing work with Bethel AME of Asbury Park in helping to provide clothing and food to the community. The Clothing Closet is in full operation on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 to 12. Thank you to those who have been coming out to help facilitate. **Saturday, April 3 and 17 at 10:00-12:00.** Contact Lori Keasel at 732-744-6471 lorik86@gmail.com To donate gently used clothing please drop off at The Church in Brielle.

As other opportunities begin to emerge, we look forward to the challenges and blessings that come from stepping out of our comfort zones to assist others in need. As travel continues to have restrictions and caution being important, Cypress is exploring trips that will require planning and keeping protocol with the Pandemic still a concern.

April 12th - 16th Back to Green Turtle Cay to complete a project for a family involving one with special needs as well as bringing supplies to Marsh Harbor Haitian community

April 23rd, 24th, Friday and Saturday we begin our outreach in the Long Branch area. This will be a work project helping with various on site repairs and debris removal.

May (dates to TBA, looking at 3rd week) bringing school supplies to Head Start School in Cantano, PR. Also, will be involved in some building projects in Vega Baja.

May 13 - Cypress will continue to be active locally and on will be working with Keller Williams Real Estate Agency in Point Pleasant Beach bringing a team to Harbor House in Toms River for a full day of work on both of their properties.

July 2021 - One week community outreach/kids camp for children. More info coming

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Manasquan Food Pantry

Recently a text was sent requesting gift cards for the food bank - this is a scam. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Lou, Richard, or Lori.

The Manasquan Food Bank continues to meet food needs in the area. Please drop off at Manasquan Presbyterian Church or at The Church in Brielle. Contact Richard Speiser with questions 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.

Long Branch Mission House

Our sister church in Long Branch has recently transformed the manse into a mission center to house men who have been recently released from prison. These men will be ministered to by helping them get jobs and become productive members in the community.

Our church has come alongside the Long Branch Mission House by providing several much-needed items. If you are able to provide any of the items listed below **please bring them to the church before Wednesday afternoon, March 3rd or call Pastor Lou at 845-591-2016 to arrange pick up.**

- 6 Sets of sheets/comforters for twin beds (2 each)
- Comforter for full bed
- A second set of sheets for full bed
- Brooms and a dustpan
- 8-10 new pillows
- Curtains or drapes
- A kitchen or dining table and chairs that s
(call Pastor Lou if you have these items before dropping off at the church)
- All non electronic kitchen items

