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Beverly Presbyterian Church 121 Warren Street, Edgewater Park, NJ 08010

FROM THE (Interim) PASTOR. . .

The Broadway musical *The King and I* premiered in 1951 with Yul Brenner playing the role of the king and Gertrude Lawrence the part of his English governess. It was the latter who sang *Getting to Know You*, the words for which come to mind as I complete a year of service with and among you:

Getting to know you, getting to know all about you.
Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me.

It takes a while to get to know anyone, and that's certainly true of a church! But I want you to know that I am enjoying the experience. I feel both privileged and invigorated to serve in your midst.

Getting to know you has been a most pleasant experience for me. That's because there are so many things to like and enjoy. In particular I have enjoyed the music programs here at the Beverly Presbyterian Church. Gwen, Kim, Gary, and the voices in the choir do an outstanding job of providing fitting music for this church. And as one who enjoys music, you have quite the selection. (And that's not to overlook Joann and Tom and the music they provide along with others for the praise service!) You have an excellent Sunday School program; the only thing it seems to lack is more students—including adults, though that isn't uncommon in this day and age. You also have an excellent crew of workers to effect repairs and maintenance around the church. What a gift Bob S., Don A., Bob H., John H. and his John Deere, and others have given to the church via their work on the drains! And they were assisted by some notable and commendable youth!! BPC certainly has numerous persons with outstanding and upstanding abilities which they contribute to the life and ministry of this church!

Rev. Jonathan Miller, the Presbytery supervisor for Beverly Presbyterian Church during this interim period, directed a note our way this past week indicating that the mission study which a team of members of Beverly have created had been approved by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. It represents a major step along the way to identifying your new pastor. Those who helped to create it (i.e. Pat Dougherty, Don Arter, Joe and Karen Reed, Sean and Jennifer Yacona) should be commended for their efforts. It is certainly one of the better mission studies that I have viewed, and it speaks highly of your church. The next step will be to identify a pastoral nominating committee (PNC), which will receive and review the profiles of prospective pastors, conduct interviews, and make a recommendation for the person who will become the next pastor of BPC. And that person will then have the opportunity and pleasure of "getting to know you."

(Merry Christmas and) Happy New Year 2019!!

Pastor Keith Schmitt



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 @ 6:00 PM

PRAYER MEETING—MONDAY, JANUARY 7 & 21 @ 6:30 PM

COMMUNION —SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 @ 10:00 AM

Followed by fellowship hour and Food Pantry Lite Fare

FOOD PANTRY—MONDAY, JANUARY 21, NOON TO 2:00 PM

The Pantry is open for bag distribution. Food for the body and His word for the soul is provided for those in need.

NIGHT OUT—SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 @ 6:00 PM

Potluck dinner & Christian Movie

SUNDAYS

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast in the Cafe

8:45 AM Sunday School from pre-K to adult

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WEDNESDAYS at 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS at 7:00 PM Praise & Worship Service lead by Joann and Tom DiLeo

BEVERLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor—The Rev. Dr. Keith Schmitt

Praise Leader—Joanne DiLeo

Choir Director—Gwen Reed

Sunday School Director—Sue Hill

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THE BIG DIG— Don Arter

You may have noticed some changes to the church landscape over the past month. The Property Committee has been hard at work dealing with the problem of stormwater runoff from the roofs, mainly the flat roof of the Sunday School wing which connects the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall.



When the Sunday School wing was constructed around 1960, the stormwater was directed to an underground pipe which dumped into an old septic tank in the grassy area behind the manse. At some point in the church history, that piping system was abandoned because it was not working. As an alternative, the storm gutters on the Sunday School wing were connected to above ground, 4" plastic pipe which dumped water onto the ground and sidewalks. In addition to being unsightly, these above ground pipes were also unsafe.

After doing some research, the property committee has been installing new "drywells" and underground 4' PVC piping. The new system evacuates the stormwater from the roof of the Sunday School wing, down the gutters, into the solid 4" PVC piping, which then dumps the water into the 24" x 30" drywell basins. The basins are either single or double stacked, and buried to within about 14" from the surface. The plastic drywell basins have a multitude of 1" holes that allow the stormwater to leach out into the ¾" gravel drain rock which surrounds the perimeter and bottom of the drywells.

As of now, the property committee has installed the underground PVC piping and two drywells per each downspout in the following areas:

- 1. the corner of the Sunday School wing by the back of the manse
- 2. the inside corner of the Sunday School wing by the Sanctuary ramp entrance
- 3. the Sunday School wing by the kitchen of Fellowship Hall

If we find the well capacity that we have installed is insufficient for heavier rainstorms, the system is expandable so we will dig holes and trenches and install additional drywells adjacent to the last one installed on each gutter.

The cost of materials spent thus far is approximately \$2,000.00 and has been taken from the designated capital fund account. Dozens of hours of free labor have been faithfully supplied to the project by Bob Hill, Bob Sarnoski and John Haff. Additional thanks to John for donating the use of his John Deere loader/backhoe which has made light work of digging 6 foot deep holes around the property.

The Big Dig is truly an example of how God's people can use their time, talents and treasure for His glory.



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Thank you to the contributors of this January issue of the "Beverly Press"; Pastor Keith, Don A., Dawn E. & Mary N., Joe R. and Sherry O. I look forward to contributions from all aspects of BPC for the next issue. Articles such as upcoming event details, reflections on past events, pictures and ideas are due no later than the 2nd Sunday each month. You can email your submission to beverlypressnewsletter@gmail.com or drop off in person to the church office.



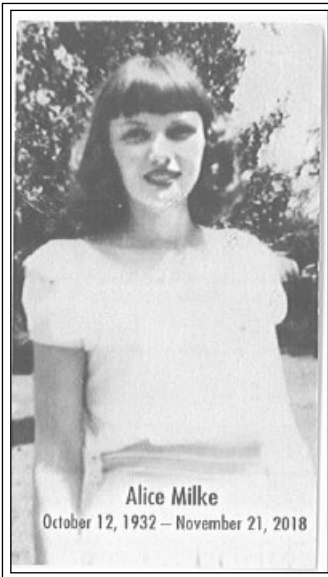
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2—Doug Allen
 - 2—Kathy Sullivan
 - 7—Tessa Sheets
 - 8—Kirsten Reed
 - 15—Brian Murphy
 - 20—Elena Abriola
 - 21—Jean Van Gelder
 - 21—Jim Hoffman
 - 26—Craig Eutsey
 - 31—Mikayla Franklin
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- 1—New Year's Day
 - 6—Epiphany of the Lord
 - 13—Baptism of the Lord
 - 20—2nd Sunday after Epiphany
 - 21—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - 27—3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome new members who were commissioned on December 16.

Laura Kellaway
Deloris Barber
Frank Bertino



CHRISTMAS DINNER & PLAY—J. Reed

This year's Youth Christmas performance, evening December 9th, was a wonderful and witty rendition of the Christmas Story. Not only was it good fun but the message remained one of Hope and Joy. The cast obviously enjoyed performing for their parents and guests while the Deacons served the audience a delightful traditional turkey dinner with all the fixin's. Deserts were pot luck and everyone in attendance was forced to loosen a button or two. The evening rounded out with a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. There was no shortage of voices and suggestions for songs to sing. No-one left hungry: neither sustenance nor Christmas spirit were lacking. A great time was had by all!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT - Sherry Oulton
(FOR PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2018)

Revenue needed to make budget:	\$174,713
*Actual revenue received for period:	\$128,331
Revenue under budget:	\$- 46,382
Total Expenditures:	\$162,933
*Actual revenue received for period:	\$128,331
Revenue under expenditures:	\$- 34,602

*This number reflects all incoming revenue INCLUDING the Balance the Budget donations. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE donations to the Food Pantry, 2 Cents a Meal, or Missions.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY!

When you do please include the concerns listed, below.



The world, our nation, state, local community & the BPC congregation.

BPC financial state
Sanctuary ceiling repairs
The Belliveau Family
The Milke Family
Jane Schulze
Tammy Lowden



THE CHOIR PERFORMED
"CHRISTMAS PRESENCE" BY PEPPER CHOPIN
ON DECEMBER 16, 2018



CHRISTMAS EVE 2018