

Prayer Profile: Brick Presbyterian Church - Perry N.Y. (Hillbilly neighborhood)



The pandemic posed difficulties for Brick Presbyterian Church (BPC) early in the year as the congregation and Commissioned Pastor Lynn Burdick faced the challenges of ministering to each other and their community without being able to gather in their beautiful and historic building. Like many congregations, BPC found technological means to spread the word and Pastor Burdick was able to record and upload services to the church's Facebook page. Fortunately for this small congregation, their large sanctuary allowed them to return to worship relatively early in the pandemic by marking off pews, wearing masks, and staying socially distant during worship. One thing they are still missing is the "Linger Longer" fellowship time after worship. **Please pray for the health of everyone and an end to the pandemic.**

Pastor Burdick shared how BPC has weathered this last year and her admiration for the congregation is apparent. By adapting to the circumstances, BPC has been able to maintain almost all of their normal events and ministries. The chicken BBQ, vendor sale, Christmas cookie sale, Thanksgiving baskets, and Operation Christmas Child activities, among others, all occurred. Operation Christmas Child was a great success with 72 boxes packed—a success that comes with hard work by the members of the congregation. **Please pray for continued energy and creativity for this ambitious group of disciples.**



Operation Christmas Child



Vendor sale



Pre-pandemic handbells

There are a few members at BPC who haven't been able to return to in-person worship so the church is working to enhance their ability to use technology for outreach. Online ministry is a real goal now. Also, this musically talented group has been seeking a way to deal with the restrictions on singing during this time. They are working on improvements in the sound quality of their productions, particularly for music. **Please pray for a smooth transition to new ways of reaching out and for a return to more music in worship and ministry.**

The pandemic has also brought some surprising blessings. The traditional BPC Christmas concert could not be held indoors so they moved it outside to the parking lot. They brought some fire pits for a little light and a little warmth. With some additional lights, hot chocolate, and cookies, an invitation was made to the community and a large group gathered with masks and socially distanced to sing carols and celebrate Christmas. "A huge success!" was how Pastor Burdick described it. They plan to add this as a new event next year. **Please pray for God's spirit to continue to work in and through the people of Perry and the church.**



Outdoor carol sing

Brick Presbyterian Church

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