

## Reclaim THE Sabbath

It wasn't until the 1920's that Henry Ford made a very important decision that would impact all of working America. It was time, he decided for the benefit of his workers, to officially create a weekend. While we might not all drive Fords, we are likely all pretty thankful to Henry for that one.

Not all of us are fortunate even today to have enough time off from work or responsibilities to spend valuable time with family, friends, and self-care. It's also important to remember that not all of us are fortunate to find work or find work that brings us joy. Speaking for myself, I'll admit it, I do find joy in my role as a minister though I do also miss the days when I could be rejuvenated from the pews and not tired (though thankful!) at the pulpit.

In Deuteronomy God tells us that we must take a Sabbath. We must not work. We must worship.

It's important to remember why.

When the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt they most certainly worked against their will. The concern of Pharaoh was productivity and not physical or spiritual well-being. Rest and respite weren't on the schedule.

Then God liberated the people.

God understood that the Israelites back then, and we today, can only sustain ourselves and our relationships by pausing, breathing, and taking a break. Of course, there is a very important addendum here. In our days of rest, we must give thanks to God. God had it right a very long time before Henry Ford.

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I would invite you to take your time in the next few days. Slow down when you can. Look around at God's creation as we turn toward summer. Pause and think about those you love. Pause and give gratitude to God.

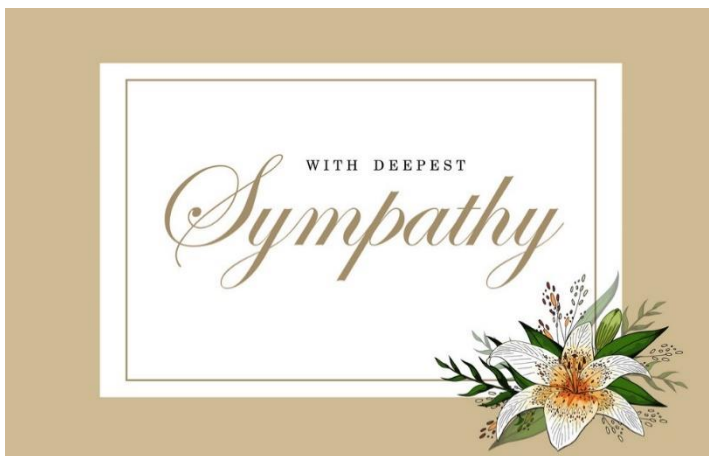
We hope you will join us at church too. It's only in church that we can seek and be a part of the community that is the body of Christ. I know that you are all dear to one another and, as true as anything else, you are all dear to God. We know that not everyone can join us during this time but we encourage you to do so, if not in the sanctuary then on Facebook live on the Battery Park Christian Church page. Please contact me or the office if you need more information.

Come with a restful spirit. Come share in deep breaths. Come join us for a wonderful worship service.

We hope to see you soon!

Peace and grace,

Rev. Jonah Smith-Bartlett



Battery Park Christian Church extends its deepest sympathies on the passing of:

Lucy Baughan, Grandmother of April and Great Grandmother of Masiah. Details of a celebration of Lucy's life will be forthcoming soon.

Dolores Gravatt, mother of Haskins Ramos and family.

Kenneth Seiler, Father of Eric Seiler. Please keep the Seiler Family in your prayers.

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Lenten Bible Study

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Wilderness



## The Wilderness of the Gospels

Wednesdays on Zoom- 6-7pm

Meeting ID 892 8603 0764

Passcode 456137

Sundays Socially Distanced Study at BPCC- 9:30-10:30

February 17 and 21: Mark 1:9-15

February 24 and 28: Mark 8:31-38

March 3 and 7: John 2:13-22

March 10 and 14: John 3:14-21

March 17 and 21: John 12:20-33

March 24 and 28: Mark 11:1-11

We hope you can join us! Please email [jonahbartlett@gmail.com](mailto:jonahbartlett@gmail.com) with any questions.

(Tech Help – Lisa 804-441-5206)

## Zoom Help!

Thank you to Mrs Saucier of Mountain View HS, a friend of Lisa's for these zoom instructions. Please remember if you ever need assistance or want to practice your zoom skills call or text Lisa 804-441-5206 for help anytime.

### Before you ZOOM

1. You will need your computer, Chromebook, tablet, or smartphone.
2. You will receive a notification from your teachers with a 9-digit meeting ID that you can use to join your class -OR- your teacher will email you a link to click on to join the Google class.

### To Join a ZOOM

1. Join the meeting by clicking on a ZOOM link provided by your teachers. ([join.zoom.us](https://join.zoom.us)).
2. Follow the prompts to download and run ZOOM.
3. Enter your meeting ID if you are prompted to do so.
4. Click to join the audio conference.
5. When you are in the meeting, you may click on the start video button to turn on the camera on your device.

### ZOOM Controls

Using the icons along the bottom of the screen you can:

- Mute/Unmute your microphone - your teacher may ask you to mute your microphone during the lesson to limit background noises. You can un-mute your device to ask your teacher a question.
- Turn on/off your camera - turning your camera on allows your teacher to see you and know you are following along with them.
- Invite - invite other students to your class using their email address or phone number.
- View participant list - this opens a list of all the students logged into the classroom. This also has an option to 'raise your hand.' If you click to raise your hand, it will notify your teacher so they can talk to you.
- Share screen - this allows your teacher to share their computer screen with you.
- Chat - this opens a chat window where the teacher can see any questions you may have and respond to you.



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BPCC		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Mar 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)
		28	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		9:30am - Lent Bible 11am - Worship		6pm - Tai Chi	6pm - Lent Bible				
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
		9:30am - Lent Bible 11am - Worship		6pm - Tai Chi	6pm - Lent Bible				
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
		9:30am - Lent Bible 11am - Worship		6pm - Tai Chi	6pm - Lent Bible 7:15pm - Board				
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
		9:30am - Lent Bible 11am - Worship		6pm - Tai Chi	6pm - Lent Bible				
		28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
		9:30am - Lent Bible 11am - Worship		6pm - Tai Chi	6pm - Lent Bible				

Do you have a meeting or event happening at BPCC or Virtually for BPCC? Please send this to Lisa for the church calendar (bpcc.office@Verizon.net)

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The church office is open physically twice per week and virtually anytime!

Church Office: Monday & Thursday 8am – 1pm

-Emails, Voicemails, Paper mail, and in house admin (bills, facility maintenance etc)

Virtually: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

- Emails, Website, Tech Support, Prepping mailings and other duties as needed.

## Worship and Study Alternative Options

If you are not able to access our worship services online and would like a copy of Rev. Jonah’s sermon mailed to your home please request these to Jonah or Lisa.

Also we still have a few copies of “Our Daily Bread” Devotional available for members who would like this mailed out.



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### March Birthdays

Carolyn Garthright	3/2
Joshua Ice	3/2
Laura Wagner	3/4
Trinity Carr	3/16
Lisa Nuckolls	3/18
Melissa Seiler	3/22
Cheryl Williams	3/27
Tim Williams	3/29

### Income and Expenses, Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2021

Income		
Offering	11,683	
Building use	9,775	
Other	1,085	
Total Income		22,543
Expenses		
Personnel	20,734	
Utilities and Maintenance	9,376	
Unexpected Major Expenses	0	
Other	650	
Total expenses		30,760
Net loss (taken from reserves)		(8,217)